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Editor Discusses Duty of Press in Spiritual Realm

"The Place of Religion in the Post-War Press"

(The following is a transcript of an address delivered to the Provincial Newspaper Editors of Great Britain at the Savoy Hotel, London, Feb. 1, 1944, by Henry Martin editor-in-chief of Press Association, a Reuter Affiliate, which serves as a domestic newsgathering agency for the British press. Published in Editor and Publisher and reproduced by permission of that publication.—Editor.)

In talking to you on "The Place of Religion in the Post-War Press," it is not my intention that my address shall be based upon religious grounds. What I am about to say will, I hope, be purely objective, if controversial—perhaps provocative. The occasion is unusually interesting because this is the first time that the subject of religion has been sharply focussed before a meeting of hard-boiled editors...

It is only within the last year or two that we have seen a tangible stirring of the journalistic conscience, reflecting, if in reduced measure, a freer discussion of religious matters among all sections of the community. The question is whether in this respect as in others the press will fulfill its function to mirror the trend of thought of the people. It is significant that while a bare tenth of the population are churchgoers, a spirit of inquiry is manifesting itself in all ages and classes, a genuine desire to know what Christianity has to say to the world's problems and whether it can supply the answer. A few newspapers have faced up to the issue and started pioneer work...

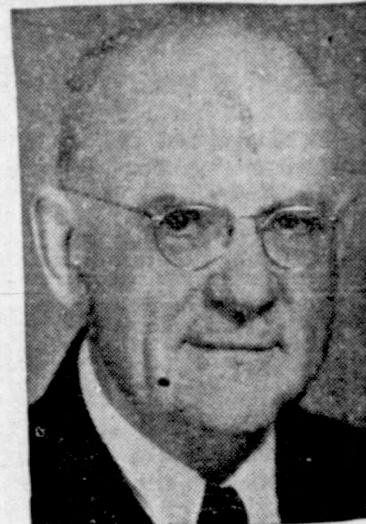
Predicts Revival

Here is the picture as I see it. A spiritual revival is most likely. People today are more interested in God as distinct from goodness than they have ever been. A moral religion alone is being found insufficient. We have seen in the Axis countries how

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R. G. LeTOURNEAU
God's Partner



DR. M. E. DODD
Dr. Dodd Accepts
Leadership of Evangelistic
Crusade

(Mississippi has welcomed many new citizens within her borders in recent years. Of all these new adopted sons of the Magnolia state, there is one who stands out in two realms. This is R. G. LeTourneau, multi-millionaire in the financial world, and devoted Christian in religious circles. Almost immediately upon making his home in the deep South, Mr. LeTourneau began to make his life felt in the Mississippi Christian work. He has visited numberless churches and communities and given his testimony, with simplicity and the earnest desire to magnify the name of the God he loves. He accepts the calls which come and serves without charge in his effort to spread the gospel in his adopted state. After a hard day's work, he has gone in his private plane to many places in Mississippi where great audiences have welcomed him.

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Ridgecrest Brotherhood Conference Cancelled

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South held in the offices of the Brotherhood July 14, 1944, it was unanimously decided, and after a full discussion, to cancel this year's southwide Ridgecrest Conference scheduled for August 9-15.

This action was taken after a survey among the pastors and laymen throughout the Southern Baptist Convention whose almost unanimous opinion was that on account of travel difficulties and economic conditions which make it impossible for many laymen to attend, the conference should be cancelled this year. It is our hope that next year conditions will be more nearly normal and that we can resume with increasing interest and attendance this very important annual Brotherhood Conference.

LAWSON H. COOKE,
General Secretary.

The Little Baptist Begins Soon

Beginning soon in The Baptist Record, the thrilling story of a girl and her family and friends will appear. Follow each week the interesting adventures and discussions of this girl as her heart is touched by many of life's problems. "The Little Baptist" has long been a favorite of young people and their elders, and will be followed weekly with enthusiasm by our readers. Subscribe for some friends at a distance, at the small rate of \$1.00 for eight months, or \$1.50 for a year. Write The Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Hull's Office Explains
By Louie D. Newton

(Editor's Note: But the lame explanation doesn't satisfy us.)

Religious News Service announced some weeks ago that Father Roberto Saboia de Medeiros, San Paulo, Brazil, had arrived in the United States as guest of our Department of State to visit social service schools, universities and technical institutions. The announcement went on to say: "This is the first formal program of bringing together religious leaders of the two Americas in a state-sponsored and supported program."

On April 30, 1944, I wrote Secretary of State Cordell Hull, asking him if the above quoted statement was true, and, if true, on what grounds it could be reconciled with the First Amendment to the Constitution of the States.

Under date of May 24, 1944, Mr. John S. Dickey, director, Office of Public Information, Department of

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More Names Added To Honor Roll

In addition to previous lists, the following churches have sent in their June debt offering.

The ideal list should contain the name of every Baptist church in Mississippi.

Association and church:
Wayne—The Association.
Greene—Piave.

Jackson—Moss Point.

Jackson—Ocean Springs.

Lauderdale—Poplar Springs.

Lebanon—Lumberton First.

Pearl River—New Palestine.

Walthall—Dinan.

Hinds—Warren—Clinton.

Lawrence—Antioch.

Lincoln—Mt. Moriah.

Lincoln—Brookhaven.

Mississippi—Smithdale.

Sunflower—Blaine.

Sunflower—Ruleville.

Deer Creek—Catchings.

Kemper—DeKalb.

Lincoln—Mt. Zion.

Simpson—Coats.

Rankin—Leesburg.

Sunflower—Drew.

Jeff Davis—Ebenezer.

Lebanon—Immanuel.

Newton—Newton.

Smith—Taylorsville.

Hinds—Warren—Northside.

Jones—Tucker's Crossing.

Leflore—Greenwood Calvary.

Panola—Liberty Hill.

Riverside—Darling.

Benton—Curtis Creek.

Benton—Hickory Flat.

Gulf Coast—Grace Memorial.

Jefferson Davis—Phalti.

Mississippi—Mars Hill.

Oktibbeha—Starkville First.

Panola—Sardis.

Rankin—Union.

Smith—Beulah.

Winston—Crystal Ridge.

CONCERNING RIDGECREST AND POLIO

The following telegram has just been received by Mr. Wilds from the acting manager of the Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C.: "Conference will open as scheduled. County health officer advises keep the assembly open. Fifteen hundred here now. No scare here whatsoever."

Sparks & Splinters

McCurts Creek Church in Choctaw county has under construction a building program which it hopes to complete within the next two months. H. L. Rhodes is our pastor and we have the EVERY FAMILY Plan.—Mrs. Hugh Reid.

Ripley: We have had 32 additions in the last two months; 14 for baptism. We recently had a study course with 24 awards. There were 219 enrolled in our Vacation Bible school. Rev. James L. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven, begins a revival with us July 12.—Reporter.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of a souvenir brochure published in honor of Dr. Arch C. Cree, published by the Cree daughters of Salisbury, North Carolina. It is quite interesting and gives many facts concerning the well lived life of this faithful servant.

The Student Committee for Mullins Hall at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, for the coming session is composed of the following: David Byrd, Mississippi; R. M. Stephens, Va.; Rogers Nelson, Ga., chairman; James Kommack, Texas; and Logan Thomas, Fla.

Chaplain Willis Brown, now in England, has written regarding an incident in which a lady in Elizabethtown, Tenn., wrote him concerning an aviator in one of their squadrons who was not a Christian. After a brief conference with the young flyer, Chaplain Brown was able to win him. Friends and relatives at home help their chaplains when they show interest such as this relative at home did, according to Chaplain Brown.

Emmanuel church, Alexandria, La.: We have just closed a good revival with Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First church, Shreveport, La., preaching, and Ira C. Prosser of Shreveport leading the singing. Visible results included 113 additions, 49 of these for baptism.—H. H. Hobbs, pastor.

Highland, Meridian: This year's budget had a set item in it of \$1,000 for the Cooperative Program. At our last business meeting the church without contrary vote, voted to revise the budget to go into action immediately. Fifty percent will be used to take care of all local expenses. Twenty percent will be saved for a building fund since we will be forced to build in the near future. Thirty percent will be sent through the Cooperative Program. On the basis of what has come into the treasury the first half of this year, in a year's time we will be giving more than \$5,000 through the Cooperative Program instead of \$1,000. This is a fine start in the right direction.—E. L. Byrd.

"Rubies From Ruth" is the best book of its size we have seen on the book of Ruth. It is a refreshingly thorough analysis of this little known book. The author is Dr. W. G. Heslop. He uses the verse-by-verse method. He gives a lucid and scholarly explanation of the rich types and symbols found in the book. His practical applications are plentiful. The publisher is the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. The price is \$1.25 and orders should be sent to the publisher or to your Baptist Book Store.

"Reconversion—The Job Ahead" by J. A. Livingston is the ninety-fourth in the series of popular, factual, ten-cent pamphlets issued by the Public Affairs Committee, Inc., a nonprofit, educational organization at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, New York. In terms of dollars and cents, the task of reconversion from war to peacetime production promises to be much less difficult than is ordinarily imagined. This is only one of the significant conclusions of an analysis of reconversion problems by J. A. Livingston, published by the Public Affairs Committee, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York. Mr. Livingston is editor of War Progress, a restricted weekly economic report of the War Production Board, but the analysis is a personal one and is not to be construed as reflecting the views of the WPB or its members.

We have just closed our meeting at Sharon in Jones county. The preaching was done by Brother Jack Merritt of Irving, Texas, and done well. There was fine cooperation and excellent results. There were eleven for baptism and eight by letter. One letter was from the Calvary Baptist Church of Honolulu, transferring the membership of a young man in service who was converted there some months ago. I go to be with Bro. J. P. Bush at Hopewell, Copiah county, July 16, and from there to be with Bro. N. F. Davis, Jr., at Komo. Remember us when you pray.—Bryan Simmons.

Pastors, lay preachers, evangelists, Bible teachers, and students will find much help in 1,000 Sermon Outlines by T. W. Callaway, former pastor, St. Elmo Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. Every outline has three points, firstly, secondly and thirdly. They deal with each book of the Bible and are fresh and original. The price is \$1.25 and orders should be sent to the publisher, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., or your Baptist Book Store.

Toronto, Ont.—(RNS)—A Baptist Federation of Canada was approved by the All-Canada Committee, appointed last year, in reporting to the Ontario-Quebec Baptist Conference. The committee had been empowered to consider some form of national organization which would enable Baptists across Canada to cooperate effectively on a national scale.

Pastor Dan Moulder sends the following schedule of revival meetings for the summer: First Sunday in July, Beulah church, Simpson county, I. F. Metts preaching; second Sunday, July, Beulah, Smith county, W. C. Stewart; third Sunday, July, White Oak, Smith county, Jack Crawford, Jr.; fourth Sunday, July, Lorena, Smith county, S. P. Powell; fifth Sunday, July, Sardis, Smith county, Barney Walker; first Sunday, August, Pine Grove, Simpson county, C. S. Moulder.

New Hope, Sunflower county: Our church was open on Invasion Day from 6 a. m. to 12 midnight. A little Junior G. A. girl was the first to go to the church and open it up. She stayed all day.

DeSoto: Gerald Riddell, pastor of West Laurel church, led our revival and brought fine sermons at both morning and evening services. There were three additions. Prayer services were held prior to the evening service and the attendance was good.—June Rogers.

We want to recommend "Heaven Below." This is the courageous story of one of America's missionaries of good will in China before and during Japanese occupation. The author is E. H. Clayton, an appointee of the American Baptist Missionary Society. We have read many books about China and the Chinese people and the work of our missionaries. Among them we do not recall one that was more interesting. Anyone who has ever contributed a dime to Foreign Missions or who is interested in China or in our work there will do well to read this book. It is published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70-5th Avenue, N. Y., and sells for \$2.75. It has an attractive paper binding and contains 282 pages. Every one of them is interesting. Order from the publisher or your Baptist Book Store.

Last Sunday, July 2, was "Bond Sunday" for us here at Fifteenth Avenue church, Meridian. We designated the day as "Bonds for Building Day," and the total contributions on that day has been invested in bonds for the Building Reserve Fund against the church debt. The total offering for the day was \$1839.85. This is perhaps the largest offering that has come in on any one day for many years at Fifteenth Avenue. It is our desire to have our church debt-free as soon as possible.—Dorothy Gilbert.

Beacon church, Laurel: Our Vacation Bible school enrollment was 160 with an average attendance of 130.—Reporter.

Mrs. W. F. Mathews sends a nice list of twelve renewal subscriptions from Kewanee church. It is such fine friends as these that helps us to have a circulation of more than 41,000.

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J. N. WILLIAMS

J. N. Williams was a native of Wilcox county, Alabama, born September 8, 1878, coming to Lucedale as station agent for the M. J. & K. C. Railroad in 1901, remaining in this capacity, and serving efficiently and with trustworthiness for these forty-three years.

His tenure of office was almost unbroken, except for a few days at a time for recreation and illness.

He was married to Miss Bessie Sue Roberts, daughter of the late M. R. Roberts, first sheriff of George county, to which union was born two sons, Elwood A. Williams and Harold S. Williams, who, together with his widow, survive him.

Brother Williams was one of the leading citizens and business men of Lucedale during his entire sojourn in Lucedale. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and Station Agents, a deacon in the Baptist church, serving a number of years as superintendent of the Sunday school, and a member of the adult Bible class. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Lucedale high school for a number of years.

In all these capacities Mr. Williams served with honesty and integrity, and it is with pride that the citizens of the community can point to his record as a true example of manhood.—G. S. Jenkins.

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Teacher: "Mary, this composition on milk was supposed to be two pages long—and yours is only half a page!"

Mary: "But I wrote about condensed milk, Miss Jones."

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New Albany set a goal for \$500 for the June Now Club offering. They have more than paid their quota of \$2,500, and plan to give even more.—Reporter.

LETTER TO OUR ABSENT BOYS

(Editor's Note: This letter was sent to Wake Forest, North Carolina Baptist College, men in the armed service.)

The Bursar is a busy man and cannot write today; I asked him could I write instead; his answer was 'O. K.,'

"But send my very best regards and tell them 'Cheerio' And tell them please to hurry back because I miss them so!"

Now I am sitting at my desk to type these lines to you, The window just in front of me outlines a lovely view—

Magnolia blossoms ivory against the shining green And in their midst the chapel spire, majestic and serene.

Commencement-time is almost here; the dates June 4 and 5, When seniors' folks, portly Trustees and "old grads" will arrive;

Alumni luncheon comes June fifth—it makes us pretty blue To know that you will miss the fun, Miss Jo's fried chicken, too!

Our summer school will open soon, June 12th will be the day; Three hundred students—that's my guess—four hundred others say.

Our honored Mistress Hattie Reid has just gone to heaven; She was our oldest resident, was nearly ninety-seven;

Though she endured four cruel wars within her long life-span, She never lost her faith in God or in her fellow-man.

Enlargement funds are coming in—and those are friends indeed Who kindly share their substance with Wake Forest in her need.

My work-piled desk is calling me, I can't write more today, Although I can assure you I have plenty more to say.

In closing, let me say to you with all sincerity You constantly are in our thoughts—wherever you may be.

May you come soon and make complete your Alma Mater's joys, And may the good Lord keep you safe —OUR OWN WAKE FOREST BOYS!

EDITH EARNSHAW
(Mrs. E. B. Earnshaw).
Wake Forest, N. C.
May, 1944.

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Junior proudly showed his mother the first thing he had written in his diary. "I got up at seven o'clock."

"Why, Junior!" his mother exclaimed. "Haven't you learned better than that at school? You don't say 'got up.' The sun doesn't get it. The sun rises."

Junior thought this over for a moment, then took out his pencil and made another entry in his diary. "I set at nine o'clock."

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Another expression of interest in Mississippi Baptist work on the part of our fine Christian service men is seen in an offering just received from Cpl. Hannaford, Camp Blanding, Florida. The offering was for

West Corinth: Rev. James A. Smith recently became pastor of our church. He succeeds Dewey Wallis, who went to Winnfield, Ala., as pastor. Pastor Smith has already revived one of our Training Unions and the Sunday school attendance has grown to 183. There have been seven additions.—Reporter.

NEWS and VIEWS

By D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer,
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi



Evangelism — State, Home and Foreign Missions — Cooperative Program — Now Club (State Debts) — Stewardship — Baptist Record — Baptist Training Union — Sunday School — Woman's Missionary Union — Brotherhood — Baptist Student Union — Retirement Plan — Seminaries — Christian Education — Hospitals — Orphanages — Pastoral Aid — Church Building Aid — Chinese Work — Negro Work — Indian Work — Literature — Enlistment Pastors — Service Men's Department — Historical Society — Baptist Foundation — Social Service — Woman's Missionary Union Training School — Ministerial Education — Bookkeeping.

DEBT BALANCE ON MONDAY, JULY 17TH, STOOD AT \$75,352.52

Through today, Monday, July 17, we have received \$15,814.04 Now Club monies to apply on our debts. Subtract that amount from the July 1st balance of \$91,166.56 and you get \$75,352.52, the balance of our debt picture as of this week.

KEEP RECEIPTS GOING UP, THE BALANCE WILL COME down!

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I

Mayor-elect Leland Speed of Jackson is a fine Baptist layman, loyal deacon of First Baptist Church, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor. We predict that Mr. Speed will make a great mayor. He has been helpful in church administration and successful in his own business affairs. One of the fine things about the Baptist Foundation is that he is chairman of the committee.

II

Some things we have heard suggested that some folks thought there was a great deal of opposition to the Baptist Foundation. Maybe so. We knew of none. It was all a question of how it should be promoted so far as our knowledge went. We were not on the inside of either group. We did not care to be. We wrote not a word. We attended not one meeting of either group. We got literature from the group whose ideas prevailed. We got nothing from the other group. We were too busy doing things much more New Testament in origin and much closer to the heart of Jesus, we are sure. That keeps our own heart singing a doxology! We believe we know what most Mississippi Baptists want, namely, a New Testament work, efficiently, honestly, and economically carried on. Without fear or apology we continue to give ourselves to that!

III

At the invitation of Dr. Holcomb we had the privilege of attending the first Southwide Evangelistic Conference at Ridgecrest. The attendance was fair, the program was excellent. We predict this will become one of the greatest of all Southwide meetings. We had the privilege of leading "The Hour of Power" period the first morning.

At Nashville we met with a group of State and S. B. C. leaders considering Centennial Crusade plans. You may count on big things in this program. Evangelistic emphasis will lead the way for stewardship, missions and all the rest. Doxology!

We were glad to linger in a few services with Pinola saints, Rev. Guy Little, pastor. He has a warm pastor heart and the people were fine. Two for baptism. Missionary W. L. Cooper led the singing. He is a great son in a great family.

Fourteen members made up the graduating class of the Union Theological Seminary for Colored at Prentiss. Our own Pastor Jas. L. Sullivan made the address. We were privileged to deliver the diplomas. This is a work in which our people should largely share.

Sunday was a great occasion at Terry's Creek, Pike county, G. E. Wells, pastor. They dedicated their new pastor's home. Folks packed the building morning and afternoon. What a dinner on the ground! This is another of our outstanding, full-time country churches.

At night we were at Oakdale, Rankin county, with some more fine folks. Doxology!

IV

A very fine Broadman Press volume carrying the title "Pray Ye" by Mrs. Frances Landrum Tyler, comes to our desk. The title, "Pray Ye," commends itself and the author, and adds emphasis to the value of the volume. Price 50c. Buy from your Baptist Book Store.

Dr. H. C. Goerner is the author of a new volume, "Thus It Is Written." It is published by the Broadman Press. It is a missionary treatment of the scriptures as found in Luke 24:46-47; price 50c. Order from your Book Store.

V

Bunker Hill Baptist Church, Marion Association, is one of our really fine full-time country churches. In 1926, State Mission funds helped erect the present auditorium. This church has just increased by 400% Cooperative Program support. The evangelistic and missionary spirit grow. A bus service to every home is being inaugurated. Four young preachers have come from this church the last six years. The church presented the pastor and his wife with a \$500 war bond. Evangelist W. A. Green, Waynesboro, has, according to Pastor H. D. Jordan, just closed a great revival series. Pastor Jordan adds, "Souls were saved, hearts stirred and lives were rededicated to God. I thank God for permitting him to come our way, and will pray for him as he goes into other churches all over Mississippi with the gospel messages."

VI

DEFERMENT FOR THEOLOGY

We see no difficulty in the way of deferment of bona fide young men to pursue their theological studies, if the Selective Service Administration will permit such candidates to offer their draft boards a certificate from a recognized seminary, as has been the practice to date. The law exempts divinity students. The issue is simply a matter of definition as to when a man becomes a divinity student. We find no cause for controversy between Protestants and Roman Catholics. There is great need that this company of young men be furthered in their purpose. It has in it the very essence of the whole matter for which the United Nations are at war, viz., freedom of worship. If religious culture and its teachings (and we feel the same about medicine, law and all professional work) is to be conscripted, which means almost to be cut off, in this all-out effort, then we come near to killing the goose that lays

the golden eggs. We have lost one of the main ends of the conflict in seeking to win the physical struggle. Numerically, we see little adverse effect on the man-power situation if professional students are authorized to carry on their special studies. Certainly there is little loss if pre-theological students have this permission. If agreement has not already been reached, we believe a favorable answer will come.—The Presbyterian.

VII

We believe in creation according to Genesis 1, John 1, and Hebrews 1.

We believe in the God of the Bible. Hebrews 11:6. John 14:1.

We believe in Jesus, Son of God, and only Saviour. Acts 4:12. John 3:16.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. John 16.

We believe in the Bible as the very Word of God, Genesis to Revelation inclusive, Revelation 22:18-19.

We believe in the New Testament church as a body of baptized believers carrying on His will, work and worship, as taught by Him. Acts 2. Ephesians 5:25-27. Acts 5:42.

We believe in baptism and the Lord's Supper as ordinances of the church for believers. Romans 6. I Corinthians 11.

We believe in the reality of sin. Genesis 3. Romans 3:10.

We believe in the necessity of regeneration, if we are to have the life of and fellowship with God. John 3. Galatians 3:26. Ephesians 2:8, 9.

We believe in the perseverance of the saints. John 10.

We believe in the separation of church and state. Matthew 22:21.

We believe in worship (Hebrews 12:25), service (Ephesians 2:10), and giving (Acts 20:35), as being rather inclusive spiritual exercises.

We believe in soul winning (John 1), missions (Acts 1:8), Christian teaching (Matthew 28:19, 20), and benevolences (James 2:14-20) as being scriptural methods in carrying on His work at home and around the world.

We believe "Christ died for our sins, was buried, rose the third day, and was seen," by many witnesses. I Corinthians 15.

We believe in the Second Coming of Jesus. Matthew 24, 25.

We believe in a real hell and a real heaven. Matthew 25:46.

"Nothing doubting." James 1:6. II Timothy 3:14-4:2.

"In the beginning God." Genesis 1:1. "Even so, Come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE ITEMS D. M. Nelson

We have just closed three terms of sixteen weeks each under our wartime accelerated program. During this time we enrolled 272 civilian and 603 naval students. On June 19, forty-six diplomas were awarded to graduates and seventy-two certificates were awarded to naval students, who were transferred to midshipman's schools, where they will continue their training for naval officers.

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The commencement speakers were Dr. E. D. Head, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, who delivered the sermon, and Lt. B. C. Watts, commanding officer of the naval unit, who brought the baccalaureate address. Both messages were timely and inspiring.

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We have just opened the fourth term under our new program. We have our full quota of naval students and about 100 civilian students. We continue to have a splendid opportunity to give the young people of this critical era what Mississippi College has to offer in instruction, in tradition, and in Christian idealism. We are deeply and humbly grateful.

Second Avenue, Laurel: We recently completed a B. T. U. study course with 125 enrolled and 80 meeting requirements for rewards.—Reporter.

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The following have been recent visitors in The Baptist Record office: Rev. John Newport, Clinton; Rev. E. L. Howell, Fort Worth, Texas; Arden Burnett, Clinton; Rev. Billy Stogner, Tylertown; Rev. C. Z. Holland, Canton, and Rev. F. O. Martin, Tutwiler.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RELEASES HONOR ROLL

The honor roll of Blue Mountain College for the second semester of the past session has just been released by Dean Ernest H. Cox. The following students are on it:

Mary Anne Durham, Itta Bena; Alice Evelyn Davis, Meridian; Mary Josephine Haynes, Jackson, Tenn.; Ethel Jean McCarty, Birmingham, Ala.; Joyce Wilkinson, Richmond, Va.; Edith Eloise McDaniel, Lexington; Rosalyn Ruth Mitchell, Atlanta, Ga.; Floriene Williams, Prentiss; Joyce Spell, Georgetown; Ethel Beach Dawkins, Rosedale; Dorothy Lee Jefferson, Inverness; Dorothy Britt Flowers, Terry; Velma Sue Griffin, Pontotoc.

Bobbie Lorene Pope, Louisville; Martha Jean Yorke, Memphis, Tenn.; Bettie Jane Boland, Tralake; Erin Trusty Guyton, Blue Mountain; Mildred Elma Holt, Milan, Tenn.; Mary Barbara Kerley, Lewisburg, Tenn.; Jean Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Lillian Frances Maxon, Watson, Ark.; Martha Elizabeth Murphy, Memphis, Tenn.; Marian Jean Shaw, New Orleans, La.; Frances Willodean McDonnie, Summerland; Dorothy Adele Harris, Memphis, Tenn.; Gene Boyette, Sallis; Martha Louise Brown, Louisville, Ky.; Ruth Irene Holt, Milan, Tenn.; Jean Kathryn Shuemake, Memphis, Tenn.; Shirley Grace Trump, Memphis, Tenn.

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Pecan Grove, Jones county: Our first Vacation Bible school enrolled 41 with an average attendance of 30. Miss Bessie Purvis was the principal. She was assisted by the Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Harrington. Mrs. N. T. Harrington was the Intermediate superintendent; Mrs. Hubert Bullock, Junior; Mrs. Foster Bullock, Primary. The offering amounted to \$7.12 which was sent for China relief.

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GEORGE W. TRUETT

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

WE HONOR HIM WHO HONORED GOD—

SCION OF THE OLD SOUTH, born just as the smoke and cloud of the Dark Sixties was lifting from our sunny land, brought up by pious parents in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; statesman for the New South for which he lived and labored with might and main from the apexes of Appalachia to the wide-extended plains of the Lone Star State;

LAD OF ASPIRATION, gazing upward from infancy unto the hills whence cometh our help; his hands hardened by toil in virgin forests and on fertile farmlands; his mind keenly alert to the culture that counts, Bible-based and Christ-centered, his heart soon given to God and his life devoted to Christian service; himself teacher of yearning youth, holding aloft for them the torch of Christian culture in a good Academy which he founded in the hill country of his nativity;

SEER OF THE SOUTHWEST for threescore years of maximum service: financial secretary of a noble university, his Alma Mater, through a period of stress to a state of security; heroic helper in building an Empire of the Good in the land aromatic with Alamo courage and San Jacinto conquest; advocate of the righteousness that exalteth a nation, and outstanding citizen of the commonwealth of the Kingdom;

PEERLESS PASTOR of a great and growing church for nearly half a century with shepherd heart and hand leading his flock into the pleasant pastures and beside the still waters; comforting them in the Valley of the Shadow; preparing them to "dwell in the

House of the Lord forever";

PRINCE OF PREACHERS, he was a pulpit orator of the first caliber, speaking the truth in love "with the tongue of men and of angels," holding multiplied thousands spellbound, as in his patriotic address on the capitol steps in Washington in 1920, and in his presidential address to the Baptist hosts assembled in 1930 at Atlanta from the four quarters of the globe;

BELOVED PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION for three years (1927-8-9), impartial with the gavel, inspiring in his leadership, progressive in his plans, profoundly spiritual in his contacts, widely influential in his impress;

FRONT-RANK LEADER IN THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE from its inception, appearing on the program at Philadelphia, preaching at Stockholm and Berlin, delivering for him the dying president's address at Toronto, presiding with rare power at the crowning Congress in Atlanta;

CHRISTIAN COSMOPOLITAN, he was recognized and renowned throughout the world which he traversed through all continents and all hemispheres, East and West, North and South, an ambassador of international good will, a trusted messenger from the King of kings, a herald of the good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people;

POWERFUL PERSONALITY of marvelous magnetism, whose massive intellect was incandescent, whose majestic feelings were aflame with celestial fire, and whose masterful will throbbed with dynamic fervor, Spirit-harnessed for human betterment and divine glory;

MYGHTY MAN OF VALOR, he hated sin with a holy hatred, fought evil without fear or ferocity, attacked and overthrew wrong in the name of the Lord God of Hosts, and built castles of truth and goodness by enlisting courageous hearts in the cause of right.

HEAD OF A HAPPY HOME, his loved ones were dearer to him than life; and worthy indeed was she who walked by his side through those gracious years, while children and children's children will all and ever rise up to call him blessed and thank God upon every remembrance of him;

PROPHET OF GOD to a lost world, blending Sinai with Calvary, he denounced the wrongs that ruin the race, warned against the wrath to come, demanded the repentance that turns from sin, and urged to saving faith in Him who "died for our sins according to the Scriptures";

FRIEND OF MAN, fellow-

helper to the truth, fellow-laborer with all who labor in the Lord, he ministered with equal fidelity to the intellectual and the illiterate, the millionaire and the miser, the loftiest and the lowest, the distinguished and the despised, the tiny tot and the tottering grandchild the congressman in the capitol and the cowboy in the canyon, the saint who wants to be better and the sinner who wants to be good; knowing and showing, as he always did, that "God is no respecter of persons."

SEVERE SUFFERER in the eventide after long years of splendid and sustained strength which to the last strand and the last second he spent not for himself but for others; finally collapsing in pain excruciating for months without flagging faith or halting hope, until the Master said, "It is enough; come up higher!" whereupon in the ecstasy of the evangel he had preached to myriads he departed to be with Christ, which is far better—

GEORGE W. TRUETT

Born Haysville, North Carolina, May 6, 1867

Died Dallas, Texas, July 7, 1944
"A Good Minister of Jesus Christ"

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

The editor of The Baptist Record prepared an editorial concerning Dr. George W. Truett but when he read the above tribute written by Dr. Hight C. Moore he decided to use Dr. Moore's article, it was so much better.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

A DISGRACEFUL PROPOSAL

Chairman, War Production Board, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have just read in the Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky., an amazing United Press report from Washington under date of May 11th, concerning the War Production Board. I refer to the proposed 20,000,000 gallons of "gasoline-for-alcohol trade" with Cuba, which according to a WPB official is "under serious consideration."

I am amazed that this country's alleged liquor shortage should be regarded as constituting such an unfortunate and menacing condition. It seems preposterous that an adequate supply of alcohol—which everyone knows is a poison, destroying both mind and body—should be considered a critical and indispensable part of a nation's equipment in the time of war.

It is amazing also to think that

gasoline which we know is so necessary, and which we have been told is so limited and precious, should be exchanged for an article we do not need and without which we could do so much better.

Aside from the surprise that we could possibly sacrifice a single gallon of gasoline for any purpose, I suppose the American public would acquiesce in the thought of exchanging it for material needed in the manufacture of such things as guns or ships or planes. But to exchange it for liquor would be both stupid and sinful in the minds of loyal and patriotic citizens the nation over.

I hope you will remember that in addition to those who are undergoing the unspeakable suffering and sacrifice in the actual fighting, a great army of citizens are cooperating in the war effort to conserve gasoline and tires, and other war essentials. This army, I am convinced, will rise up in protest against this trade proposal suggested by the distillers, Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc.

I sincerely hope the whole matter will be promptly rejected and hastily forgotten.

Yours very truly,
L. E. MARTIN, Pastor,
Second Baptist Church,
Hopkinsville, Ky.

INDIAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

With the Vacation Bible school period in full swing, the record of the Indian work last fall under the auspices of the Philadelphia church, W. L. Johnson, pastor, is a challenging example. Of the 86 Choctaw Indians enrolled, 28 were adults. Many copies of the gospel of John were given out. Workers in the school were headed by Mrs. E. S. Cole of Philadelphia. L. E. Cliburn is chairman of the Indian work in Neshoba county. Three churches were included, Hope, Bethany and Canaan. As handwork, the men made a pulpit and chairs for each church. The following were the older Indians who took the work:

Pauline Isaac, Dick Tubby (age 72), James Tubby, Roger Beall, Florence York, Nicholas Bell, Eugene Tubby, Judie Isaac, Salina Isam, Lenard Jimmy, Harry John, Beauty Ann Isaac, Brydine Willis, Antoine Isam, Earl Willis, Gordon Jim, Calurn Isaac, Carson Isaac, Troy Lee John, Joe John, Franklin Bell, Ab John, Zan Willis, Salina Jim, Effie Mae Jim, Vinie Comly, Ida Lewis, Joe Beall, Byrd Isaac, Pastor Canaan.

Jim Gardner, Amon Beall, Homer Jimmie, Bennett John, Albert Jim, R. B. Tubby, Edna Tennis, Hugh Isaac, Dora Jim, Arlette Jimmie, M. C. Phillips, Bonnie Dan, Joe D. Isaac, Pat Tubby, Preston Isaac, Delores Jimmie, Elton Gardner, Edwin Isaac, Jesse Isaac, Grace Jim, Sarah Tubby, Bonnie Kate Beall, Finis Tubby, Ruby Mae Beall, Pearl Ethel Davis, Alice Beall, Collie York, Estaleen Jimmie, Cleddie Bell, Alia Gardner, Eunice Isom, Alia Isaac, Rosa John, Ellen Willis, Alice Tubby, Isa Bell, and many children.

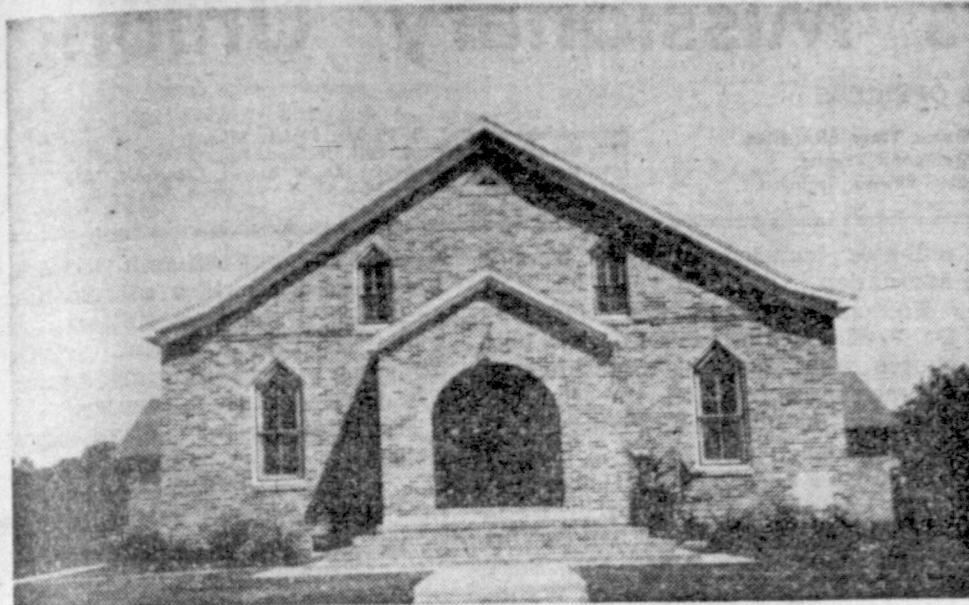
Kosciusko: Our revival meeting closed last Sunday night. Our people enjoyed Dr. Glen E. Wiley, of Grenada, and Rev. Earl C. Edwards, of Baldwyn. Some were added to our membership by letter, and thirty were baptized on Wednesday night. —Rowe C. Holcomb.

Thursday, July 20, 1944

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GREENVILLE SECOND CHURCH IS DEBT FREE



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENVILLE, MISS.



SECOND CHURCH MISSION S. S., PADUCAH



J. R. EUBANKS

Pastor J. R. Eubanks and the Second Baptist Church, Greenville, are rejoicing over the recent dedication of their church.

Organized in July 1938 with 22 charter members they now have 408 members and a modern church

WEST LAUREL VBS ENROLLS
THREE HUNDRED AND
SIXTY

The West Laurel Vacation Bible school enrolled 360 with 70 who attended one day. The average attendance was 278 with 125 pupils attending every day. Sixty-one percent were Baptists; thirty percent other denominations; and nine percent belonged to no Sunday school. There were eight conversions and two additions to the church.

An unusual parade was held on preparation day. It was led by the Fire Department and had a police

escort.

The mission offering goal was \$25.00. This was exceeded by \$5.00. It was sent to Atchafalaya Baptist Mission in Louisiana. Including a donation valued \$100.92, the total cost of the school was \$261.41.

Rev. Gerald Riddell, pastor of West Laurel church, stated that this was the best school he had ever seen.—Lucille Shirley, publicity committee chairman.

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There were 846 present at Sunday school the first Sunday of the Sunday School Conference at Ridgecrest.

ABOUT TAXING LIQUOR SALES
Dr. P. I. Lipsey

You have read the article by Mr. J. A. Thigpen on this subject; now listen to this. We are simply amazed that a man of Mr. Thigpen's intelligence and religious convictions should in the first place have voted to put a tax on a thing forbidden by law, a thing impossible to conceive. I am told that the president of the American Bar Association speaking recently to Mississippi lawyers expressed surprise at and ridicule of the recent Mississippi act taxing liquor sales which are forbidden by law. A judge of the Mississippi Supreme Court said the law is of questionable constitutionality.

I do not recall ever having written anything for any paper for which I have received so many expressions of approval as the one recently published in the Record, entitled, "The Trojan Horse." The people of Mississippi were grossly misrepresented by this recent act of the Legislature, and common sense was outraged.

I did not know before how Mr. Thigpen voted. But I am reminded of an experience of one of our Mississippi pastors. He was visiting and held a meeting in a church. One day he was having his shoes shined when the colored boy shining his shoes looked at him out of the corner of his eye and said, "Youse the preacher what's holdin' a meetin' here, ain't you?" He said he was, and the boy continued, "I heered a man talking about your sermon." "What did he say?" "He didn't like it." "What was the matter with it?" "I think you shot in the hole where he was at."

We called the first article "A Trojan Horse," because we believed that the tax on illegal liquor was just a prelude to licensing all liquor. And now Mr. Thigpen seems to be in favor of just that. Is it possible that in some counties a man has to be in favor of licensing liquor to be elected to the Legislature? From Bolivar county a member of the Legislature boasted that in his town they had solved the liquor problem by licensing it, when the law of the state which he had sworn to uphold forbids such license. This is a pretty mess. And a deputy sheriff in that county, which Mr. Thigpen represents, told me he had while in office sat up all night with the grand jury as they drank liquor and played poker. And now Mr. Thigpen says nearly all the churches that he knows have taken money from men selling liquor to carry out their program. If this is so, then the judgment of God is upon them.

Now to answer the specific points in Mr. Thigpen's article. Nobody has ever complained about the Legislature not enforcing the law. Our charge is that they passed a law which is inimical to common sense and righteousness.

The purpose of this law was not to stop the sale of liquor but to give the state a hand-out from people who are recognized as law breakers. It is just as lowdown for a state to do it as for an officer to do it.

The statement that more whiskey is sold in states where it is against the law than in those where it is legal is absolutely without one particle of proof. Any man who goes to New Orleans knows that the statement is not in accordance with the facts.

Again it is not true that the state

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Called and Accepted

J. P. Westberry, Morningside, Atlanta, Ga.

A. G. Skidmore, Grace near Portsmouth, Va.

R. E. Miller, First, Brandon, Fla.

G. D. Lawrence, Redwood, Judson Association, La.

J. O. Smothers, Baudona, Ky.

W. O. Green, White Oak church, Bradley county, Fla.

Roy Houser, Mountain Creek, call Association, Fla.

John C. Tolbert, Market Street, Houston, Tex.

Charles Tyler, Ludlow, Miss.

Raymond W. Harvey, First, Fort Valley, Ga.

O. A. Tomme, Mauriceville, Tex.

H. L. Lewis, Park Street, Easley, S. C.

Coney C. Harris, Roy, N. Mex.

S. M. Brown, Delradia, Montgomery county, Ala.

Raymond Dearmond, Chesterfield, S. C.

Henry C. Rogers, First, Lancaluton, N. C.

M. M. Richardson, Coalgate, Okla.

Thurman George, First, Hobart, Okla.

C. Carl Lewis, Sunset Park, Wilmington, N. C.

W. P. Childers, Franklin county, N. C.

J. A. Rawls, Boston, Ga.

Othell Hand, Mt. Pleasant church, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

W. T. Waring, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Bill Betty, Anchorage, Alaska.

Claude W. White, associate, First, Gatesville, Texas.

J. H. Brown, Girard, Phoenix City, Ala.

I. B. Hall, First, Savannah, Ga.

Billy Venable, Parkers Gap, Tenn.

Wade Dehoney, Rogersville, Tenn.

M. T. Smith, West, Rome, Ga.

Amphus Howard, Aiken, S. C.

C. C. Trueblood, Immanuel, Fayetteville, N. C.

J. C. James, Beauchard, La.

H. L. Hawkins, Covington, Ky.

Martin J. Gilbert, missionary, Deer Creek Association, Arcola, Miss.

Resigned

C. W. Jernigan, East, Louisville, Ky.

Troy Godwin, Marietta, S. C.

—BR—

We have just closed a good Vacation Bible school at Eastside church, Jackson. It was held in the evening and the average attendance was 29.

of Mississippi has heretofore imposed a 2 percent sales tax on liquor sales. A member of the legislature ought to know better than that.

The argument that illegal liquor sellers should pay the expense of the government and for schools is no more valid than that a tax should be paid by all law violators. Nobody believes that a government founded on such principles can survive or ought to survive. As to paying court costs and school costs, everybody knows that good citizens do pay such costs for all who are sent to the penitentiary. We do not seek to visit the crimes of fathers on the children.

And about Al Capone: We have yet to hear of anybody in Mississippi being arrested or tried or punished for not paying his income tax on liquor sales. We should be glad to know that all law violators are punished.

Yours for righteousness
and Common sense,
P. I. LIPSEY.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Lavon Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

OUR STATE OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Stewardship—Mrs. J. B. Parker, Ripley, Miss.
Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

Notice: Business Women's Circles
Use this at your next meeting to
advertise B. W. C. Conference at
Ridgecrest, August 16-22.

Have large poster to advertise
Ridgecrest, with the dates prominent.
Or have individual notice of date at
each place, or print date in individual
programs of the evening. Two
soloists and a pianist are necessary.
Choose someone to sing who can do
so distinctly, not necessarily with
"operatic" airs but rather simply, in
a straightforward way, so that each
word may be clearly understood by
the listeners. These are "jingles,"
rather than songs. We call the soloists
"Number 1" and "Number 2." Let
them stand halfway facing each
other, one on each side of the piano,
or on each side of a platform.)

Number 1:
(Tune: "Oh, Dear, What Can the
Matter Be"—Johnny's so long at the
fair.)

(sadly)
Oh, dear, what can the matter be?
Oh, dear, what can the matter be?
Oh, dear, what can the matter be?
Everyone's happy but me!
Now is the time to make plans for
vacations,
For journeys or visits with friends or
relations,
But I can't decide upon my destination!
Everyone's happy but me!

Number 2
(Tune: "There a Long, Long
Trail")

There's a long, long trail a-winding
Into the land of the sky,
To the place we know as Ridgecrest
In the mountains high.
'Tis a place of rarest beauty,
Of inspiration and fun,
'Tis the place for your vacation,
'Tis the place for EVERYONE!

Number 1
(Tune: "Comin' Through the Rye,"
No. 37 in "Golden Book of Favorite
songs.")

A vacation in the mountains
Would be very nice.
I'll let you tell me later more
About the date and price.
But now I'd like to ask of you
Another question, please,—
Does Ridgecrest offer anything
To help our B. W. C's?

Number 2
(Tune: "Reuben, Reuben," No. 99
in Golden Book.)

If your Business Women's Circle
Needs a helpful hint or two,
Conference with our southwide
leaders
Tells you what you ought to do.

You'll help others, too, by sharing
Plans which you have found were
good.
Then our Business Women's Circles
Will be working as they should.

Number 1
(Tune: "Till We Meet Again.")
I can see how helpful that would be
To all members of B. W. C.
But can you add a word or two
That will tell me more of Ridgecrest?

News of missions I would ever seek.
Would this be a missionary week?
If more of missions I could know,
I might plan to go.

Number 2
(Tune: "Smiles.")
You'll have news from South America,
And you'll hear from Europe, too;
And some friends from far away in
China
Will be there with messages for you.
You will learn of Africa and Palestine,
And of other lands across the way,
As you listen to the missionaries
Who will speak to your heart each
day.

Number 1
(Tune: "My Bonnie Lies Over the
Ocean, No. 121 in Golden Book.)
What fun can a girl have at Ridge-
crest,
Besides gaining many new facts?
With speakers and conferences daily,
What time would there be to relax?

Number 2
(Tune: "Auld Lang Syne," No. 37
in Golden Book.)
At Ridgecrest every afternoon
There's time for fun and rest.
You'll hike or swim or sleep. Just
choose
Whatever you like best.
Perhaps you'll take a trip or two
To sites of wide renown,
And if a mountain you should
climb—
Be sure to climb back down!

Number 1
(Tune: "How Can I Leave Thee?",
No. 30 in Golden Book.)
How can I leave, then,
How could I come away?
Ever I'd like to stay
Ridgecrest nearby,
For inspiration rare,
Freedom from worldly care—
Ridgecrest is truly named
"Land of the Sky."

Number 2
(Tune: "Home on the Range," No.
43 in "Get-together Songs.")
When home you must go
You'll be saddened, 'tis so,
For the hours at Ridgecrest are o'er.
But though you'll be sad,
You will also be glad,
For you'll treasure those hours ever-
more.

HOME, HOME, you must go,
To strengthen your B. W. C.
I hope it's quite plain
Just why I maintain
It's Ridgecrest for you and for me!

Rally Day at Baptist Church At- tracted 140 Young People From Various Sections of Delta

Sponsored by the Riverside Association of the Baptist church, Young People's Rally Day was fittingly observed in Clarksdale Tuesday for an all-day session, which was held at the Clarksdale Baptist Church and presided over by Mrs. R. L. Dobyns, leader of young people's activities. She extended a cordial welcome to the visitors from towns and com-

munities included in the Riverside Association.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor of the host church, who asked God's blessings on all men and boys on the fighting lines and on the home front as well as boys and girls engaged in church work during these crucial times.

The bugle call was given by F. L. Stephenson with Mary Ethel Griffin at the piano after which Bob Beck gave a beautiful reading, "God Wants Youth," followed by an address of welcome splendidly given by Mary Ashley Dobyns. The response was given by members of the Crowder group of Girls Auxiliary.

Mary Kate Lowrey held the rapt attention of the audience as she gave a splendid interpretation of Young People's Rally followed by a most inspiring devotional period led by Mrs. Margaret O'Bannon, superintendent of the Clarksdale Baptist Sunday school.

Featuring the Rally Day program was a splendid talk given by Miss Oleta Mae Cornell, an Indian girl, who is a student at the Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, Okla., preparing to serve as missionary to her people. She is a member of the tribes of Cherokee, Creek and Seneca, and is a very charming and gifted young lady.

Miss Cornell impressed her listeners with her spirituality and earnestness. She answered the many questions asked her, with ability, and it was interesting to note her love for her race of people and the pride with which she told of the number of Indians now engaged in the various branches of the service of the beloved United States.

As an example of her delightful versatility, Miss Cornell beautifully sang, "Holy Spirit Breathe On Me."

Two G. A's from Tunica contributed to the program with a splendid talk and a vocal solo.

At the noon hour a delicious lunch was served at beautifully laid decorated tables and during this period of the rally, Miss Joyce Farmer led in group singing and directed contests and entertaining features.

Highlighting the afternoon session was a message given by Mrs. N. E. Offenbacher, superintendent of the Riverside Association, when she told of the vision she had for the future of these boys and girls—foretelling of their good and faithful work for the Lord and Master as a result of their splendid training of able and consecrated counsellors.

Mrs. F. L. Stephenson, counselor of Clarksdale R. A's, presented badges of merit to four boys, Bradford Bradley, F. L. Stephenson, Mark England and Frank Horton.

Rally Day observance was attended by one hundred and forty members, representing groups and counselors from Marks, Crowder, Lyon, Tunica and Clarksdale with the pastors of churches at those points lending inspiration and guidance to this band of young church workers.

During the afternoon session, Dr. Horton gave a splendid talk to the assemblage using as his theme, "God

Needs Faithful Soldiers in His Army." He stressed the idea of faithfulness and said, "Don't be a quitter—a good soldier is always faithful in God's army as well as in army service in the defense of their country."

The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

Called and Accepted

Omer E. Graves, Nashville, Ga.
Curtis O. Duncan, missionary to
Alaska.

O. B. Anderson, Sunset church,
Opelousas, La.
O. Afton Linger, chaplain U. S.
army.

Luther Dorsey, Star City, Ark.
M. G. Parker, Pedrito, Ala.
V. A. Dean, Enoree church, Spar-
tanburg county, S. C.

C. U. Broach, St. John's church,
Charlotte, N. C.
C. E. Manuel, Pilot Mt. Association,
N. C.

W. L. Magar, Calvary, Ellinwood,
Kans.
Jay E. Dixon, Hopewell, Oklahoma.
J. L. Powers, Hows Grove, Mt.
Pisgah, N. C.

L. M. Kirkland, field in Edgefield
Association, S. C.

P. H. Anderson, Jr., First, Edge-
field, S. C.

Clyde Allen, Elam, Middle Associa-
tion, Ga.

A. G. Carter, Bedford, Virginia.
H. C. Bell, Clinton, Ga.
Montague Cook, First, LaGrange,
Ga.

J. D. Willingham, Havana, Fla.
Gordon Edwards, Richmond, Tex.
R. P. Murphy, Damon, Texas.

C. D. Sparkman, Old London, Tex.
L. C. Chapman, Wooster, Tex.
W. T. Bratton, Texas City Heights,
Tex.

Troy Godwin, Roper Mt., Green-
ville Asso., S. C.

John Turner, Mt. Airy, Piedmont
Association, S. C.

M. M. Goss, St. Hartsville, S. C.
B. M. Jackson, First, Spiro, Okla.
Lee Aufill, First Retrop, Okla.

J. Hill Barrett, First, Demopolis,
Ala.

Edgar M. Arendall, Artmore, Ala.
Carey T. Vinzant, First, Fitzgerald,
Ga.

J. T. Elliff, Lake Village, Ark.
M. R. Cherry, Owensboro, Ky.

B. L. Dorman, Perry Casa and
Pleasant Grove churches, La.

Clyde V. Hickerson, Barton Heights
Richmond, Va.

Resigned

C. U. Broach, S. S. Board, Nashville,
Tenn.

Bradley Allison, First, Childress,
Tex.

E. D. Blocker, Calhoun, Plant City,
Fla.

W. D. Armes, Shiloh, Ocoll, Tenn.

C. H. Southerland, Second, Lau-
rens, S. C.

L. G. Whitehorn, First, Spiro, Okla.

Walter E. Bude, Immanuel, Musko-
gee, Okla.

Joe Shaver, Deport, Tex.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Jodie Moore's Plan

Jodie L. Moore is the pastor of a field of churches in Leake county. So that his people may get a taste of the EVERY FAMILY Plan he is using a tithe of the money he receives for revival meetings to send The Baptist Record to his members with the hope that the churches will take over the EVERY FAMILY Plan after sampling it.

Among recent lists received from Pastor Moore are New Prospect, Sun Rise and Corinth.

Leake county's Record readers are now listed as follows: CARTHAGE 102; CEDAR GROVE 37; Dossville 3; FRIENDSHIP (LENA) 66; Hurricane Creek 8; Bethel 1; McDONALD 18; Madden 1; MIDWAY 28; Mt. Carmel 11; New Hope 4; NEW PROSPECT 15; NEW PROVIDENCE 18; Standing Pine 4; THOMASTOWN 66; TUSCOLA 40; WALNUT GROVE 69; MARS HILL 32; Good Hope 2; County Line 3; Union Ridge 9; Mt. Pleasant 2; FRENEY 48; SALEM 39; SUNRISE 22; CORINTH 48.

Midway, Leake County

From many sources we had heard many good things about Midway church, but "the half had never yet been told."

We had the privilege of assisting Pastor A. A. Ward in their annual revival meeting. Nearly everybody in the community came both day and night. We had country ham almost every meal. Plans are on foot to erect a new building if and when. A sizeable fund has already been accumulated.

This good church not only greatly loves the pastor, A. A. Ward, but they also spoke in appreciation of several former pastors, such as A. H. Chidress, A. E. Lucas and P. D. Bragg.

Each morning from nine to eleven o'clock Pastor and Mrs. Ward with local helpers conducted a Vacation Bible school. The enrollment was 52 and the average attendance was 47.

Each night before the preaching service three prayer meetings were held for men, women and young people.

The men had an average attendance of 22; the women 25 and the young people 56. That is a good record for any church.

Philadelphia

We greatly enjoyed the privilege of supplying for Dr. Walter L. Johnson. He was away on vacation.

Philadelphia is one of our better churches. Both morning and evening congregations were good.

They now have more than \$14,000 in a building fund for an addition to the church when and if.

We heard several complimentary references to the work of the new county missionary, Rev. Kenneth Hall.

Neshoba county now has Record readers as follows: BEAT LINE 12; BLACK JACK 12; BLUFF SPRINGS 12; COLDWATER 41; County Line 2; DIXON 21; EMMANUEL 17; Fellowship 9; Good Hope 2; HOPE 13; LINWOOD 12; McDonald 4; MT. SINAI

14; NESHoba 34; OAK GROVE 20; PEARL VALLEY 37; PHILADELPHIA 270; SARDIS 31; SPRING CREEK 24; SOUTHSIDE 15; NEW HARMONY 27; DEEMER 17; LAUREL HILL 19; HIGH HILL 30, and Bethsaida 3.

To All Churches Having Debt

Several churches in Mississippi have used as their excuse for not adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan the fact that they are in debt and when they get out of debt they hope to do something about the Record.

Calvary Baptist Church adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan when it had a debt of approximately \$90,000. They felt that the Record would help their work. Anyway they have paid the last cent of their indebtedness and are planning a dedication program for August 6.

Evidently the excuse that being in debt is not much good. May I suggest that some other excuse be suggested.

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DR. FLOY BARNARD ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF WOMEN AT SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

By Ralph D. Churchill
Publicity Director

Dr. E. D. Head, president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, made announcement June 30, of the election of Dr. Floy Barnard as superintendent of women and teacher of Missionary Education. She will succeed Mrs. W. A. Johnson, who has served in that capacity for some 10 years.

Miss Barnard is a native of Greeley, Colorado, and received her A. B. and M. A. degrees from the Colorado College of Education, having majored in English, dramatics, and speech. She received the Master of Religious Education degree in 1939. She has been a member of the seminary faculty since 1933 as professor of Educational Arts. She will continue the teaching of dramatics and speech and will add the classes in Missionary Education to her teaching duties.

Miss Barnard taught in the public schools of Colorado, served the First Baptist Church of Anderson, S. C., as educational director for two and one-half years, and did Home Mission work in Salt Lake City for two years prior to her coming to the seminary. She has served as educational director of the Gambrell Street Baptist Church, along with her teaching duties at the seminary, for the past five years.

Dr. Barnard has the distinction of being the first woman to receive the Doctor of Religious Education degree from the Southwestern Seminary.

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We closed our annual revival meeting at New Ireland Baptist Church on Friday evening, July 14th, with fine results in every respect. In spite of the bad roads due to the good rains during the week, the attendance at all services was above the average, many times the day-services being enjoyed by a full house. The visiting preacher was Rev. J. R. Breland of Beaumont, Texas, this being his fourth time in succession, and the church invited him back for next year. The pastor, J. L. Boyd, led the song services and the Booster Choir of children. The visible results were: sixteen for baptism and six by letter. Finances: \$194.00.—J. L. Boyd, pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Wallerville (July 9)	95	45
Bogue Chitto (Pike) (July 9)	77	64
West Side, Natchez	91	46
Hardy	98	
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	133	
Crystal Springs	329	86
West End, West Point	37	
Cross Roads (Webster)	68	56
Rocky Creek (George)	78	42
Luce Mission (George)	32	
Gum Grove (Lincoln)	147	112
Brookhaven	446	104
Parkway	400	121
New Albany	431	110
First, Jackson	761	201
Calvary	763	199
Blue Springs	109	72
Ellistown	123	105
Enon (Panola)	39	34
Bogue Chitto (Pike)	106	
Wallerville	80	53

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Mrs. W. A. Johnson, who for the past ten years has served as superintendent of women and instructor in missionary education at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, has announced her retirement from that position effective July 1, 1944. She left immediately after the summer school commencement exercises, at which time her retirement was announced, for Amarillo, Tex., where she will reside. Mrs. Johnson was presented with two nice gifts upon her retirement. One of these gifts was a beautiful wrist watch presented by Mrs. B. A. Copass, president of the Texas W. M. U., on behalf of the Baptist women of Texas.

An unusual honor has recently come to two members of the music faculty of Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Mr. Edwin McNeely, professor of voice, and Mrs. Edwin McNeely, teacher of piano, were both granted honorary degrees of Doctor of Music by the Boguslawski College of Music, Chicago, June 25. Mr. and Mrs. McNeely have both been members of the seminary faculty for 23 years.

James Thorn of Houston, Texas, will assist C. O. Stegall in a meeting at East Fork and Bluff Springs churches in Pike county beginning July 23 and July 30, respectively.

Union Seminary church, Jasper county: We have recently organized a B. T. U. and it is steadily growing. We also adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. A new light has been purchased; pews have been varnished; the church is being papered; two pulpit chairs have been bought, and plans are being made to paint the church. Our revival will begin July 30 with B. S. Hilburn doing the preaching. B. E. Massey is our pastor.—James McPherson, reporter.

"Christian Dialogs and Recitations" is what its name implies. C. Kuipers is the compiler and Zondervan Publishing House is the publisher. It sells for 60 cents and may be ordered from the publisher or from your Baptist Book Store.

"Victory for the Shut-In" by Dr. David M. Dawson, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif., is taken from one of the chapters of a book previously reviewed. "More Power in Prayer." The title is self-explanatory. It will be helpful to the sick or to those dealing with the sick. It is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., and sells for 25 cents. It may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

New Albany: Our Beginners Department has qualified as a standard department.—Reporter.

A series of revival services will begin Sunday, July 23, at Sarepta Baptist Church (Franklin). The Rev. H. A. Hunderup of New Orleans will do the preaching.

Miss Mary Lou Booker and Rev. Robert Young Gerrard were married at the Goshen Baptist Church in Anderson county, Ky., on June 5, 1944. The bride is a foster-daughter of Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Booker. The groom, a graduate of Mississippi College and a recent graduate of the Seminary at Louisville, is a native of Yazoo City and for several years has been the pastor of the Goshen church, near Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Announcement was made June 30 by Dr. E. D. Head, president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, of the retirement of Miss Vinnie Gammill, assistant registrar of the seminary. The retirement was due to illness. Miss Gammill has been a faithful employee of the seminary for 24 years. She has served in various capacities but for the past several years her job has been that of assistant registrar.

We were led recently in a revival by J. Earl Bryant, pastor of Immanuel church, Hattiesburg, as preacher and Troy Prince, Brookhaven, leading the music. Bro. Bryant increased our faith by his gospel messages. He taught the Bible to the people in its truth and they were helped to a greater spiritual living. Many were won to Christ and joined the church. Bro. Prince endeared himself to our church by his fine Christian example and earnest effort to inspire the people to back the building program. We thank the Lord for sending these men our way. Our church shall remember them long for the fine way they served the Lord here.—A. E. Blankenship, pastor.

According to Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., the State Department has refused passports to Baptist missionaries wishing to go out, or to return to South American countries, but during the same period of time, passports have been granted to 200 Catholic missionaries. And they wonder why there is a turning tide against the present administration.—The Evangelist.

Percy Ray of Myrtle has just closed a good revival over in Houston, Tex. There were 40 who came by baptism and 14 by letter. A Mississippian, James Thorn, is pastor.

At the Master's Feet is a series of refreshing, helpful and scholarly sermons by Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor of the Columbus Avenue church, Waco, Tex. H. H. Hargrove is a native of Mississippi. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and holds the degree of M. S. from the University of Colorado, and the degrees of Th.M. and Th.D. from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. These messages are expository sermons from Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Sermon subjects are: Christ's Portrait of a Christian; Christ's Program for a Christian; The Christian and the Law; Concentrating on God; The All-Sufficient Source; Contradictory Sins and Their Cure; The Narrow Way of Life; The Danger of False Prophets; The Sure Foundation. The book is published by the Broadman Press and the price is \$1.50. Orders should be sent to your Baptist Book Store.

James E. Williams, Meridian, recently sent in a nice list of subscriptions from Union church, Clarke county.

+ INTO ALL THE WORLD +

CHARLES E. MADDY, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board — E. C. ROUTH, Editor, THE COMMISSION

No man among the ranks of Southern Baptists has ever made a more significant contribution to world missions than did Dr. George W. Truett, who was recently called to his Heavenly Home. As pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, for nearly half a century; as president of the Southern Baptist Convention; as president of the Baptist World Alliance; as traveler in many lands, faithfully proclaiming the glorious gospel of Christ, he advanced in a mighty fashion the missionary enterprise so dear to his heart. His untiring missionary spirit was illustrated in a letter to Dr. Powhatan W. James, his biographer, from a Presbyterian pastor traveling in the East: "We talked together on the boat as we made our way to Hongkong. There was humor in his voice as he told how, after being at work night and day in a mission field, the missionaries would whisper to him as he left, saying: 'Now when you go down to the next mission field don't let them overwork you. They will want you to go here and there but you are not as young as you once were and you must take care of yourself.' Dr. Truett often got that advice, but he never took it. He has been a tireless ambassador of his Lord."

One of the most gratifying reports received by the Foreign Mission Board came recently from the Y. W. A. meeting at Ridgecrest. In response to the plea for relief, the young women attending the assembly contributed \$1,817.23 for relief, and there were 154 volunteers for missionary service.

Recently Dr. Maddry was invited to visit the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and was presented with a check for \$42,075 for Foreign Missions, the gift of a young man in service, who prefers to remain anonymous. He had, also, given \$23,000 to apply on the liquidation of the indebtedness of the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and had reserved only \$5,000 for his personal use. He has a deep conviction that he is God's steward and that he should put Christ's cause first in his life.

The committee planning for the Centennial Convention, next year, has already had a meeting and outlined a rich program. The theme for the Convention, suggested by Miss Blanche Sydnor White of Virginia is "Hitherto and Henceforth." The Convention will begin Tuesday morning, May 8, the same date on which the Convention first met, one hundred years ago, and will continue through the following Monday, closing with a pilgrimage to Augusta, Georgia, where the Convention was organized. The primary object to be emphasized during this centennial year is Evangelism, with the objective of a million more souls won to Christ. Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, has been requested to lead in this evangelistic program.

On account of the urgent need for a doctor in Nigeria, the Foreign Mission Board was granted a priority for Dr. W. J. Williams, and Mrs. Williams to fly to Nigeria. They left Miami early in July. Miss Alma Graves, Miss Margaret Marchman, Rev. Maurice Brantley and Miss Mildred Smith arrived in Brazil early in July, coming home from Africa for greatly needed furloughs. Latest reports indicate that Miss Marchman and Mr. Brantley have arrived in Miami. The Foreign Mission Board was advised the last of June of the safe arrival in Lisbon of four missionaries returning to Africa: Mr. H. P. McCormick, Miss Kathleen Manley, Miss Lena Lair and Mrs. J. C. Pool and two daughters.

John D. Hughey, who with Mrs. Hughey was appointed as a missionary to Europe, has been accepted by UNRRA as a worker for the Balkan States and is now at the University of Maryland.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. McCullough, appointed last October as missionaries to Colombia, have been granted visas to enter that republic and will leave soon for their chosen work.

The Japanese armies have been marching north, from Canton, in an effort to effect a junction with their armies advancing south from Hankow, their objective being to cut China in two by holding all of the railroad line running south from Peiping, through Hankow, to Canton. All of our missionaries in Honan Province have been forced to leave that territory, as have our forces in Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces in the South China Mission, though Miss Leonora Scarlett is somewhere in the Kwangtung Province. Rex Ray and Dr. Wallace, at the last report, were still in Wuchow. A new field of surpassingly rich opportunity has opened in Kweichow Province, between Kweilin and Chungking. This territory has been occupied by the China Inland Mission which recently, for economic reasons, has sent home all missionaries stationed in Kweichow Province. Their missionaries of this entire area are Australian and New Zealand Baptists. Dr. Beddoe believes that this is a field of unusual opportunities. The latest letter from China, dated June 13, confirmed by cablegram received more recently, indicated that Misses Pettigrew, Green, Pender, Weeks, Wright and Tilford and missionaries M. W. Rankin and B. L. Nichols are located, temporarily, in Tsunyi. Dr. B. J. Cauthen, the Cauthen children, Miss Sandlin and Miss Grace Stribling have gone to India, where they will be joined by Mrs. Cauthen as soon as she is able to leave the hospital in Kunming. Miss Kate Murray, Miss Addie Cox, Dr. J. B. Hipp and G. W. Strother are in Chungking. Dr. and Mrs. Beddoe and Miss Margie Shumate are in Kunming, Yunnan Province. Miss Thelma Williams,

who was injured in an automobile accident, is in a hospital in India. In case it becomes necessary to close Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow, because of war conditions, the hospital may be moved elsewhere or possibly a new medical work will be opened at Tsunyi. It will help the reader to look up a map of China and locate, thereon, the provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kweichow, Honan and Yunnan. Chungking, the capital of China, is in Szechwan Province. The north and south railroad in China runs from Peiping through Chungchow (Chenghsien), Hankow, Changsha and Hengyang, where much of the fighting was going on at the time this was written.

In most of the states in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, the annual county or district associations will soon be meeting. These associations are the units of denominational co-operation. On account of the unprecedented world needs and missionary opportunities, we hope that special consideration will be given in every one of these associational meetings to world missions. Just as soon as this war closes, we must get back into the mission fields, where at least \$2,000,000 will be required to rehabilitate our work and restore church buildings and schools and hospitals that have been destroyed by the war.

In these associational meetings, the opportunity should be given for subscriptions to The Commission, our world mission magazine, the subscription price of which is only fifty cents a year. Not only should individual subscriptions be taken, but the church budget plan should be stressed. We are expecting, early this fall, to receive reports from scores of churches advising that they are placing The Commission in the church budget. The rate is only 4½¢ a copy, per month, which for eleven months (July and August being combined in one issue) totals 49½¢ a year, with the account carried in the name of the church and payments made monthly. Changes may be made in the list at any time.

A new mission book on Africa, Builders of a New Africa, has come from the press (Broadman Press \$50). The biographical studies of Thomas J. Bowen, William J. David, Carrie Green Lumley, E. G. MacLean, and Dr. George Green make this one of the most fascinating missionary books we have read for many a day. Of the nine missionaries who averaged thirty-two years in West Africa, the shortest term of the nine being twenty-eight years, eight were Britishers—four from

Canada and four from the mother country, while the ninth was an American who married a Britisher. Another new book on Africa is The Hill Called Moon (Oklahoma Baptist University Press \$50), by Mrs. J. C. Pool.

Among the veteran missionaries who have gone to their Heavenly Home in recent weeks are Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves (China), who passed away on June 19, in Mobile, Alabama; Dr. J. E. Davis (Mexico), who died in El Paso, June 5; Dr. A. B. Rudd (Mexico) died April 3, father of Mr. R. Hugh Rudd, of Richmond, a member of the Foreign Mission Board.

Secretary Courts Redford of the Home Mission Board writes us that the Chinese government is sending to the aviation school at Phoenix, Arizona, from two hundred to three hundred cadets, every four months. They stay about four months and then go back to China. The officers in charge are quite willing for these cadets to attend religious services and a man is needed on the field who can speak the Mandarin dialect and can preach to those fine young men in their own language.

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TWO GOOD REVIVALS HELD

E. D. Estes, enlistment pastor, did the preaching in two revival meetings, one with Gholson church and the other with Vernon church, both in Noxubee county. Problems abounded due to several different kinds of religions. Brother Estes did a good work among our fine people. He knows how to adjust himself to the conditions he faces. His preaching is constructive, soul-inspiring and Christ-centered. By personal observation, I see that his main business is first to magnify Christ, second, win souls to Christ, and third, teach stewardship of God's children which is due unto God by all believers. We need more state workers like him, and the pastors over our state will help greatly in our state mission work, by using our enlistment pastors in the winter months as well as in the summer revivals. There were six additions to the Gholson church by baptism and seven to Vernon church, one being by letter. —E. C. Edwards, pastor.

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Allow me to express my appreciation and the appreciation of my people of the stand you have taken on the Black Market Bill and for the convincing way in which you answered the article for the legislator. My fingers have been itching for some time to pen a few thoughts on that subject; but I have never been able to temper my thoughts to suitable words. You, Dr. Lipsey and a few others have handled the matter well, so I heartily endorse what has been said. We finally got our beer fight in Jones county settled in our favor by the supreme court and the beer joints have closed. We have had at least one violation of the law. This shows that our officers are with us in this matter and assures us that there will be enforcement.—Bryan Simmons.

GOD'S PARTNER
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comed him and his message with intense interest. Mrs. LeTourneau's life is in full harmony with her noted husband. She is a devoted Christian and a home-loving mother. The postoffice at the Mississippi plant, near Vicksburg, has been named LeTourneau, Miss., in honor of this fine family which is meaning so much to the cause of Christ in Mississippi. Among the Baptists of the state, Mr. LeTourneau is particularly beloved, and is in great demand as speaker at men's banquets, community gatherings, college meetings and especially evangelistic rallies, since his first interest is in evangelism. Collier's Magazine recently sent a representative to Mississippi to prepare a feature article on LeTourneau. With their permission we are reproducing that article which appeared in their columns.—Editor.)

By Amy Porter, in Collier's

While the fabulous Robert LeTourneau pursues his principal planks in life—speed, the welding torch and the Bible—ninety per cent of the millions his scrapers and bulldozers earn for him go to the Lord, who runs his business.

Robert Gilmour LeTourneau makes more than two million dollars every year, but he gives 90 per cent of his profits to God. God, he says, is Senior Partner and Chief Stockholder in all his business projects. He could live well on the ten per cent that is left to him, but as he sees it, fancy living is no part of God's scheme for him.

"My principal planks in life are speed, the welding torch and the Bible," LeTourneau says, and his motto, framed and hanging on walls in several places, is, "Not how much of my money do I give to God, but how much of God's money do I keep for myself."

This man who claims the Almighty as his partner is one of the giants of war production. He is the biggest manufacturer of tractor-operated earth-moving machinery in the world. His scrapers and bulldozers, his tournapulls, his angle-dozers, and his rooters smash through a right-of-way for advancing United Nations troops in every theater of war. He has invented and patented more new machinery for chewing up rocks, uprooting trees and slicing off mountaintops than any other man anywhere.

His gargantuan enterprise pays to the juicy totals of \$30,060,000 in sales last year, an estimated \$40,000,000 this year, with the sky and his production capacity the only limits for next year. And after the war—"My machines will have to clear up a lot of debris in Russia and Italy and other places, before they can get down to the honest work of improving farms and building highways and airports around the world."

Because his machines serve for peace as well as war, there'll be no painful postwar conversion, only happy expansion, for LeTourneau.

God's Share More Than

\$10,000,000

God, as represented by the LeTourneau Foundation, already has pocketed more than \$10,000,000. The Foundation owns 317,641 out of a total of 450,000 shares of stock in R.

G. LeTourneau, Inc., an outright irrevocable gift from LeTourneau in 1935.

The income—it amounted to \$405,000 last year—is used to support evangelical work—missions, both home and abroad, rural preachers, gospel radio programs, schools, Bible conferences and tract distribution.

There is no trickery, no stock manipulation here. LeTourneau has only 1,000 shares left in his own company, although his control of the Foundation makes him the boss still. He has made God his partner legally as well as in his heart.

But LeTourneau feels that money is not enough for the Lord. He gives Him time and effort, too. On weekdays, he works long and happily at earth-moving, finishing off fourteen hours of designing and making machinery at his Vicksburg, Mississippi, plant, with a night flight in a twin-motored Lockheed to another of his plants in Peoria, Illinois, or Stockton, California, or Toccoa, Georgia.

LeTourneau is "crazy about airplanes." The Lord approved the purchase of the Lockheed job and four other planes, he says, as business and evangelical necessities.

On Saturday afternoons and Sundays, all of LeTourneau's time belongs to God. "I promised the Lord I would bear witness," he says, and he does bear witness in fire-and-brimstone sermons shouted out in churches of many denominations. He speaks once or twice every Saturday, three times on Sunday, and often on week nights as well, traveling by plane for the speedier spread of God's Word.

LeTourneau's militant religion alternately inspires and exasperates the more sophisticated executives who work under him. "But Mr. R. G.," they say, "you've simply got to be in Washington Saturday. It's important."

"Young man, who do you think made Washington?" says Mr. R. G. "I've got a speaking engagement with the Lord and I'm going to keep it."

In Tune With the Infinite

His young men have learned not to try to come between R. G. and his God. It is not necessarily a matter of religion with them. They know that when "R. G." fails to keep a promise to the Lord, he is good for nothing until somehow he regains his heavenly peace.

Nor do the efficient, orthodox businessmen who serve under him dare to quarrel with LeTourneau's insistence on religious services in his plants. An executive estimated that these services cost the company \$12,000 a month in employee time at the Peoria plant alone. "But," he added, "R. G. couldn't work in a plant where the Lord wasn't recognized, and R. G. is the genius of this organization, and don't you forget it."

LeTourneau's sermons are outspoken accounts of his own religious experiences. He tells how he was failing in business until he took God as his partner.

"The Lord had to speak pretty loud to me. He took my first-born son and my job, and I was licked and in debt for \$5,000. Then one night at a revival meeting in Stockton, California, I got down on my knees and met the Lord face to face. Mind you, I was already a Christian but I hadn't sold out to the Lord. That night I said to Him, 'Lord, I'm licked. It's up to you. If you'll give me

EDITOR DISCUSSES DUTY OF PRESS IN SPIRITUAL REALM
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low-level idealism has degenerated into idolism. Tens of thousands of men and women returning from the forces will look for a living faith, an all-satisfying philosophy. They will ask for an answer to the question whether the practice of Christian principles can avert a recurrence of the horrors of modern warfare. Is the press going to be a reliable guide? Is it going to pull its weight in stemming the tide of materialism? Journalistic ideals, nobly maintained during the war, will be stimulated by peace. Newspaper managements will be looking for fresh fields to exploit. Editorial enterprise will enter upon a period of renaissance. You may have noted how the expression of the demand which religion makes upon the individual conscience has seeped very markedly this past year into them....

Labor and Statesmen Awakened

The foundation of the new order we wish to see rests upon the Christian home. Evolution or revolution is no more or less than the external patterning of the working of individual souls, and the press is one of the most potent factors in determining how those souls shall think and act. Since, therefore, the spiritual permeates every thought, every action, every decision, it follows that religion is news, news of the highest order, inescapable news, news of a kind that has never been adequately or clearly perceived in our profession. But the pendulum has swung back. Leaders of the forces have testified to the help the Almighty have given them as a result of their daily request for guidance. The right of the churches to express an opinion upon social politics and the attitude of the Christian towards citizenship have been actively canvassed. Statesmen are not hesitating to emphasize Christian principles. Leaders of industry are openly admitting the spiritual value of honest dealing.

Trade union leaders are urging an infusion of the Christian spirit into the solution of labor troubles, and one ex-president of the Trades Union Congress has appealed for the Christian code in the workshop and in giving the public a square deal.

Leading articles in which even a tiny thread of religion is interwoven are of extreme rarity in the daily newspapers; but the press will, I am

a victorious Christian life, I'll do whatever You ask me to do from this day on."

The next morning, LeTourneau asked the pastor if he thought the Lord wanted him to be a foreign missionary. "I'll do it, Brother, if that's what it takes to keep my promise."

The pastor suggested prayer.

"When we arose from our knees," LeTourneau relates, "the pastor said these words to me—and they still ring in my ears like a voice from heaven: 'God needs businessmen as well as missionaries.' I answered, 'I will do my best to be God's businessman!'"

From that moment on, LeTourneau prospered, with the exception of one bad year, caused, he says, by his temporary failure to keep his promise to God. This man who had left school in the seventh grade, who had worked for years as a small-town garage mechanic, suddenly blossomed into an inventor and a manufacturer.

(To be continued next week)

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR
August

Evangelism—
 Soul Winning—Each One Win One
 (Speak daily to the lost).
 Cooperative Program Emphasis.
 Now Club (Debt-Paying) Emphasis.
 Vacation Bible Schools—Officers and Teachers Enlistment.
 B. T. U. Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.
 Tithes and Offerings.
 Daily Bible Reading.
 Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November first, 1944.
 Sunday School—Vacation Bible Schools; Rural Training Program; Officers and Teachers Enlistment.
 W. M. U.—Sunbeam Focus Week, August 6-11.
 B. T. U.—Special Summer Work Continued. Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.

convinced, find itself of necessity coming to accept religion as background for relating, analyzing and interpreting the philosophies, problems and issues of the age just as certainly as at present it utilized moral standards and conventions and political creeds for testing news proposals put forward in the public interest. Is it, I ask, prepared to Christianize public opinion? . . . Yes, the circle of provincial newspapers adopting an enterprising policy towards religion is expanding. One is proud, too, of the lead given by the foremost journals, not forgetting our friends across the border. Such papers are the salt of the press and the spearhead of a new order aimed at letting the public—religious, irreligious, and non-religious—see beyond any doubt that their background is a Christian positive.

Political—Why Not Religious?

If a newspaper has political convictions, is there any reason why it should not have religious? Why be ashamed to have them? Advocates of materialism have no such qualms. Christian home, team work, and mutual trust on industry and a united nation are, after all, what Britain is striving for. It was the Queen who said in her broadcast that women must be concerned with religion, as it is in Christian homes that real spiritual recovery and rebuilding of national life should start. And I am still waiting for an influential newspaper to urge the cabinet to mobilize the spiritual strength of the nation and to advocate the Christian touch in the solution of the recurrent industrial and labor problems. Perilous stuff, perhaps, but opening up unexplored territory.

If a new spirit is to infuse the press the first move must obviously come from proprietors or those responsible for newspaper management. Direction allied to goodwill from the very top is the only true orientation, for it will sweep away fear or reluctance on the part of a staff.

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Major C. Waldrop is leaving the chaplaincy and will be available for service in the pastorate. He has been pastor in Walthall, Pike and Jasper counties and made quite a record as missionary in the Riverside Association. Some church field will do well to go after him. His present address is Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.



Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.

INTERMEDIATE EMPHASIS

It would be impossible to give too much emphasis to our Intermediate work. These fine young people deserve as good as the best, and we are doing our best to give them just that. We have a new **Intermediate Leadership Manual**. Every leader should order one of these immediately from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Along with the order should be the request for an Intermediate Leaders Plan Book with all the supplements. These will be charged to your account, or to the church. The church should furnish this equipment for the leaders, and will if requested.

September 10-17 is Intermediate Emphasis Week. Leaflets giving suggestions for observing it are available. Write Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.

Associational Intermediate leaders will find a one-evening Intermediate rally a profitable occasion. Plan an evening of helpful talks, given by the Intermediates themselves. Have music by the Intermediates, a reading perhaps. Have one leader bring a practical message on efficiency in the organization, one pastor can be asked to bring a fifteen minute message and then have a thirty minute play period with games planned in advance. Some Intermediate Unions publish a weekly bulletin telling about themselves, their plans, etc.

BILOXI FIRST TRAINING UNION NEWS

Training Union News is the name of the new bulletin being published by the Training Union of First Biloxi. Miss Marie Latil, director, is editor-in-chief, and the first issue carries a lot of interesting items relative to former members, most of whom are in the service of Uncle Sam. It tells of an interesting "sailing party" by the Young People's Union. It announces their coming study course for eleven unions—in progress the week this appears in the Record—it reports several weddings among the membership. A list of the new Intermediate officers appear. It gives the weekly topics to be discussed in each of the unions for the month of July. All of these go to make up a very interesting sheet, one that will be appreciated by the entire church membership.

In June we issued 681 awards: 21 administration, 176 Adult Union, 112 Young People, 208 Intermediate, 164 Junior. Nineteen associations were represented in the list. Ten unions were organized: One Story Hour, 2 Junior Unions, 3 Intermediate Unions, 2 Young People's Unions, 2 Adult Unions.

MYRTLE HAS SUCCESSFUL TRAINING SCHOOL

Thanks to Miss Clara Mae Bateman for a good report of their Training

YOUNG WOMEN PLAN BETTER RACE RELATIONS

During Y. W. A. camp this week, the workshop on America's minorities has compiled a list of things which we can do to help relieve racial tension, and to show active good will toward all the peoples who live in our territory.

One of the things which we agreed might be constructive is to eliminate from our speech and our minds the terms "nigger," "nigra," "darkie," "chocolate drop," "coon," and all such nicknames for Negroes as well as "sop," "Chinaman," "Jap," "greaser" and other derogatory terms applied to members of colored groups in our midst.

Another thing which we felt we can do now in the South, without fear of "doing more harm than good," is to stop telling "nigger jokes." Out of respect for one-tenth of our fellow-Americans, and a desire to help get rid of the stereotype which is perpetuated by nicknames and by jokes, we agreed to tell jokes on ourselves and other white people, instead of habitually poking fun at those who happen to be black.

We read our state Baptist papers regularly, and appreciate the high standards of good taste observed in the choice of jokes. If the suggestion we offer in the interest of better race relations seems to you to be a good one, we shall be grateful.

Yours in the spirit of Ridgecrest,
JANE KIRKPATRICK,
President, Texas,
MARGARET BRONSON,
Counselor, Louisiana,
MARJORIE E. MOORE,
Director, Virginia.

"GOD'S ACRE" PROVIDED YEAR'S BEST WHEAT CROP

The wheat judged the best grown in the United States in 1943 was borrowed from "God's Acre" after it had been spared from a hail storm that damaged most of the remainder of the grower's crop.

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Mr. Lindstrom said he gives one-tenth of his income to the church, and in addition "always reserve an acre of my best wheat to add to this gift." He said that he borrowed a peck of the wheat he gave to the church for a sample. This sample won the award.

"Divine providence, not Leo Lindstrom, should get the credit," he declared.—Southern Farmer.

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Chungking (By Wireless to RNS)— Vice President Henry A. Wallace, in an interview here, hailed China as the outstanding example in the world of the success of missionary work. Paying tribute to Christian colleges in China, Mr. Wallace declared that "a higher percentage of leaders in various lines of activity have gone through the missionary schools in China than in any other country."

After eleven years of service as a pastor, C. E. Welch offered his resignation as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Memphis. The church unanimously refused to accept it.

School recently held by their Training Union. The courses were taught by local teachers. The Adults studied Growing a Church, the other unions studied their manuals. Fifty-one were in the courses, 12 adults, 10 young people, 5 Intermediates, 12 Juniors and 12 Story Hour members. Miss Bateman closes her report by saying, "Our Training Union is still going strong and every member is enjoying the work."

Literally hundreds have been turned away from the Ridgecrest Assembly for each of the three weeks. It is fine to see how the interest in this fine program increases year by year. We regret, of course, that it is impossible to accommodate all who want to attend. When you read this the first Training Union week will be in progress. Pray for the meeting each week. Many find the Lord during these days, and many others fully dedicate their lives to His service.

MR. DIRECTOR, did you get a "picture letter" from us within the last ten days? Some of you did for you have mailed in your report. Not receiving the report of others bring forth the question—"Did you receive a letter with enclosed report blank?" Well, that report blank can not possibly do anyone any good unless it is filled in and used. It will not help us any unless it is mailed back to us filled in. Please take the few minutes it will require, fill it in, write us a personal note and send them right in. Thanks a lot.

Put West Laurel December 28-29 on your calendar. That is the date and place of our 1944 State Training Union Convention. In 1940 we had our convention at First Laurel. Laurel is a good convention city. Make your plans now to spend those two days with us.

RIDGECREST SEES TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DEDICATIONS

More than 1600 college students from throughout the Southland braved the hardships of present day travel to attend the Nineteenth Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, June 7-14. From state schools, denominational campuses, professional schools, hospitals, the Army, Navy, and Marines they came together for these days of "inspiration, information and recreation."

From the first session to Doctor Theodore F. Adams' closing address, the program was typical of Ridgecrest—"Mountain top"—brimming full of practical suggestions for service and maximum Christian living.

The worship periods and the worship suggestions; the music; the addresses; the Bible Hour and Christian Leadership classes; the Seminars; the Panel Forums; the campfire services; the group and individual interviews with missionaries and leaders; the sharing of "Spiritual Experiences Through the B. S. U." all were vital parts of a well-balanced program. Addresses on the Bible, Church Loyalty, Christ's Commission and Christians at Their Best, led up to a climactic hour on Sunday morning when Doctor Ellis Fuller's message on "Living Out the Will of God" was heard. Two hundred and fifty students responded. In the forum discussion on "Christian Attitudes Toward Racial Minorities," the students were led to consider problems close at home and to realize their own personal shortcomings and responsibilities.

"Global Christian Citizenship" widened the scope. Charles A. Wells stirred the group as he discussed the "Perils of Prejudice," "The Winning of Peace," and "Problems of the Postwar World."

In the absence of Doctor Frank H. Leavell, who is convalescing in Florida, the program was in charge of Mr. William Hall Preston, acting secretary, along with Doctor Claude Broach and other members of the department.

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"Evangelism is the undergirding spirit of our churches."—Ramsey Pollard.

"Vast multitudes in all our churches have not fallen in love with Christ."—S. L. Blanton.

"Our love of self needs no watering."—S. L. Blanton.

"Southern Baptists consider the Sunday school as a vital church agency."—J. N. Barnette.

"Our Sunday school work has prospered under denominational promotion."—J. N. Barnette.

"If our Sunday schools are to grow, they must be grown out of men and women, and must be grown by men and women."—Wm. P. Phillips.

"We must create an adult consciousness on the part of our churches."—Wm. P. Phillips.

"The character of a people must always be like their conception of God."—W. R. White.

"Commitments to anything come about through other things than drifting."—S. L. Blanton.

"There is no sorrow like the sorrow borne alone. There is no joy like the joy we share."—S. L. Blanton.

"The good things are the great things of life."—W. R. White.

"The Sunday school has everything essential to evangelism."—J. O. Williams.

"There is no compatibility between arrogance and the spirit of Christ."—S. L. Blanton.

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"Whatever else Jesus promised, He promised that He would go with us if we do what He said."—J. I. Riddle.

"If we ever expect to reach people, we've got to go where the people are."—C. C. Warren.

"Churches are somewhere but people are everywhere."—C. C. Warren.

"Our greatest opportunity is out yonder where the people are through mission Sunday schools."—C. C. Warren.

"It happens when you go where the people are."—C. C. Warren.

"The first mark of a master teacher is simplicity."—J. I. Riddle.

"We must reach the Intermediates and we must reach them now for they grow up but once and they grow up so fast."—Mary Virginia Lee.

"We can serve God with mammon but we cannot serve God and mammon. We must make up our minds."—S. L. Blanton.

"When men cease to serve God they immediately begin to serve self."—S. L. Blanton.

"What you make in your hours of labor goes into your pocket but what you spend in your hours of leisure goes into your character."—J. M. Price.

"Our Sunday schools have been and are our major evangelistic and enlargement agency."—J. N. Barnette.

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"Adult Sunday school work must have the study of the church and Sunday school leadership."—Wm. P. Phillips.

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"We don't join a class, we join the Sunday school."—Wm. P. Phillips.

"No Sunday school can do its best work without a weekly officers and teachers meeting."—H. E. Ingraham.

"Jesus asks us to bear no yoke that He has not already borne Himself."—S. L. Blanton.

"Southern Baptists consider the Vacation Bible school a part of its work."—J. N. Barnette.

"Decision and commitment do not merely happen."—S. L. Blanton.

"Every part of the Sunday school can be used in evangelism."—J. O. Williams.

"Our church buildings must invite the presence of men and women for Bible study."—Wm. P. Phillips.

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"More than 90% of our church members not in Sunday school are adults."—Wm. P. Phillips.

"We might ignore the standards but we cannot ignore the contents of the standards without great loss."—J. P. Edmunds.

"Sixty per cent of the membership of our churches is adults, and more than one-half of them are not in Sunday school."—Wm. P. Phillips.

"The most effective way in the world to carry out the program of Christ is to go where the people are."—C. C. Warren.

"The militant spirit has been the secret of conquest since the beginning of time."—C. C. Warren.

"The church that does not provide a social life for its Intermediates is going to lose them."—Mary Virginia Lee.

"The Sunday school can do everything that is essential in evangelism."—J. O. Williams.

"Too many of us are interested in getting good things for ourselves and are not willing to share them with others."—H. L. Grice.

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Here we see a picture of the New Centerfield Baptist Church in Bolivar Association, organized by Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes. This is but another evidence of the blessings of our God upon rural evangelism as promoted by Mississippi Baptist State Missions. There were twenty-six (26) additions, thirteen for baptism, during the revival. They need a church house badly. There were 67 present

in attendance upon the Sunday School June 25. They also have a good Training Union and a good Missionary Union.

Many Mississippi Baptists, individuals and churches will want to have part in this work in rural evangelism and enlistment by praying for them, and by designating some of their Lord's money in hand to this phase of the work.

EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE AT RIDGECREST HEARS INSPIRING SERMONS

A conference which should be continued through the coming years was held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, June 23rd to 27th. The first South-wide Pastors' Evangelistic Conference singularly justified the hopes which had been entertained for it. It was hardly expected that the attendance would be large for the first conference, but those who did have the privilege of the meetings were enthusiastic about their being continued on through the years. The addresses were unusually inspiring and the class periods very helpful, with Dr. T. L. Holcomb, of Nashville, as director, and Dr. Allen W. Graves, of Fort Pierce, Florida, as conductor of the music. Dr. W. H. Knight, secretary of the state mission work in Louisiana, brought several thoughtful and helpful addresses, as did others of the large and capable group of lecturers and speakers. Emphasis was laid upon the new and challenging opportunities of the present and demands of the future as post-war problems arise. Dr. Luther J. Holcomb, of the Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., delivered a challenging message on the emphasis upon the ministry to youth.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp, which immediately preceded

the Pastors' Evangelistic Conference, had more than a thousand girls registered. Under the leadership of Miss Juliette Mather, secretary of the Young People's Department, the days were full of Bible study, the special "workshops," with missionaries and others in charge, recreational activities and friendship gatherings. More than a hundred signified their desire to dedicate their lives for special service.—By A. R. Gallimore, Ridgecrest, N. Carolina.

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The annual revival at O'Tuckalofa church, Yalobusha county, will begin August 6. Pastor G. L. Gullett will do the preaching.

Elim church, Clarke county, has called J. C. Johnson as pastor. The people are tithing and as a result the building fund is growing. We have the EVERY FAMILY Plan.—Reporter.

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MR. HULL'S OFFICE EXPLAINS

(Continued from Page One)

State, wrote me as follows:

"Father Saboia de Medeiros is in the United States at the invitation of the Department of State and his travel expenses are being paid by the department. I am attaching a press release (dated March 28, 1944) issued at the time of his arrival, which is the only authorized statement issued by the department in connection with his visit. The department has no program for bringing together religious leaders of the hemisphere, and in this sense the report to which you refer was entirely erroneous."

"It is the department's policy, however, to invite to the United States and to send to the other American republics distinguished leaders in the professions, education, sciences, and arts, in order that mutual understanding may be increased. . . . The leaders are selected on the basis of their outstanding contribution in a particular field and their religious affiliation is a matter of secondary importance. In Father Medeiros' case, for instance, the choice was made not because he is a priest but because he is one of the most outstanding leaders in social welfare in Brazil today. . . ."

I am sending a copy of this explanation from Mr. Dickey to Religious News Service asking them where they got the impression that the arrival of Father Medeiros was the first step in "bringing together religious leaders of the two Americas in a state-sponsored and supported program."

Religious News Service made the following reply:

"I am greatly interested in your letter of May 26, regarding our story on the Brazilian priest, and also the reply from the State Department. I am enclosing a copy of our original story and also a copy of a story we recently released regarding the visit of a group of nuns under the same program. You can draw your own conclusions as to whether our story was not accurate. The main point the State Department makes is that these religious people are being brought here as social workers, etc., rather than as church workers. Personally, I do not see any inaccuracy in our story."

I assume that you receive Religious News Service releases. If not, and you wish copies of the two stories above referred to, write me, and I will send them to you. The last story on the nuns, released May 18, 1944, begins:

"A group of 17 Catholic nuns from various countries in Latin America have arrived in the United States under the auspices of the State Department to study hospital work, and will remain from one to two years. The project, part of a developing plan for interchange of visits between Catholic leaders and students in the two continents, was announced at the opening here of Loyola University's new Institute of Inter-American Affairs."

Keep in mind the fact that our government is paying all the expenses of this business. I hope that you will keep your readers informed on the developments of this clever scheme by which our taxpayers are financing a Pan-American Catholic program. I will send you further disclosures as I may get them.



Lt. and Mrs. William T. Hodge cut their wedding cake at the reception,

BILL AND JUNE ARE MARRIED

William T. Hodge and June Myers were married June 3, 1944, in the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, of which Bill's father is pastor. It was a wartime wedding, but friends and relatives joined in to make it conform as nearly as possible to the plans the young couple had made while students in Mississippi College where both were fellows in 1941-42. For the past 16 months, Bill has been in the army, winning his commission in meteorology from NYU, while June has been an instructor in the Airplane Mechanics School, Keesler Field, Biloxi, residing in the home of Bill's parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Hodge. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Myers, and three sisters, Jackson, were guests for the wedding in the Hodge home and the Buena Vista Hotel.

Several parties were given in their honor. The W. M. S. tendered a shower for the bride when many beautiful and useful gifts were received from friends, far and near. On Thursday evening preceding the wedding on Saturday, Rev. and Mrs. Hodge entertained the visiting family connection with a moonlight fish fry on Deer Island Point. On Friday evening, preceding the rehearsal, relatives and friends in the wedding party enjoyed an al fresco supper in the garden of the pastorum. They were also honored by the Y. W. A. and Fern Carter.

For the wedding the church was decorated with tall floor baskets of white gladioli, daisies, hydrangea, and oleander, against a background of palms and ferns, by Mrs. Tom R. Simmons, New Augusta, and Mrs. Hodge. Illumination was from burning tapers in candelabra.

Sara Allen Wells, Brandon, in yellow, played the wedding music, accompanying Billie Myers, in white, who sang "Because" and "At Dawning." Maid of honor was Wilma Harper, Florence, in pink, while bridesmaids, wearing identical dresses

following their wedding, June 3, 1944, in the First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

of blue and pink, were: De Laris Myers, Hilda Rae Myers, Ann Wells, of Brandon, and Alma Simmons Hodge, sister of the groom. Cpl. Woodrow Entrekin, Biloxi and Scott Field, served Lt. Hodge as best man. Ushers were Lt. Tom R. Simmons, Camp Shelby, uncle of the groom; Pvt. David Albritton, Brookhaven, Cpl. Dick Knudsen, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Sgt. Larry Phillips, New York City.

The bride, radiantly lovely in her bridal attire of white lace and net fashioned with long train and veil held in place with a coronet of seed pearls and orange blossoms, was given in marriage by her father.

At the reception in the pastorum the young couple cut the three-tiered cake surmounted by miniature soldier and bride; it was served with fruit punch to the guests by Fern Carter and Mrs. Simmons. Gertrude McCalip, Jackson, presided over the bride's book.

A brief honeymoon en route to the Army Air Field, Greenville, Mississippi, where the groom was stationed, was followed by a more extended one in New York City where Lt. Hodge has been sent for a six weeks' course in Air Traffic Control, whence he will report to Miami, Florida, for duty.

June spent one summer as student field worker, assisting Secretary A. J. Wilds in B. T. U. extension. Since coming to Biloxi, she has been active in local B. T. U., Sunday school, and Y. W. A., serving as president of the latter. Through persistent effort she was able to secure Sunday as her day off and so was able to help with the weekly services at Beauvoir Soldiers' Home and in the library. Bill was graduated with distinction from Mississippi College in 1943 where he was active in B. S. U. and B. T. U. While in New York he was an active worker in the Young People's Society of First Baptist Church. He is the younger son of Rev. G. C. Hodge, of Biloxi, and Mrs. Hodge, the former Alma Simmons of Pass Christian.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

DAILY QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

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(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. Moses sent twelve spies to inspect the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:4-15). Can you name the two optimists, out of the twelve?

2. Jesus, Paul and others encountered severe storms on the Sea of Galilee. Do you know why these sudden storms came up on this sea?

3. While all of us know that Jesus was born in the manger of a stable, how many of us can describe the stable of Biblical times?

4. In Matthew 6:2, a general description of "hypocrites" is brought out. Hypocrites are mentioned in many other chapters. What does hypocrite really mean?

MT. OLIVE HAS FINE RECORD

The Mt. Olive church, Amite county, in the Mississippi Association, has been enjoying fine progress under the able leadership of Pastor and Mrs. A. B. Weathersby. The financial offering for the second quarter reached \$755.42, more than doubling the amount reported April 1. The average attendance at Sunday school went above 99 in June. All phases of the work go forward. Miss Fannie Traylor's visit on the fourth Sunday and Monday in June was highly inspirational to the church and a blessing to the W. M. U.

The revival, with R. R. Jones of McComb as guest preacher, will begin the fifth Sunday. Walker Tate of McComb will lead the singing. This church had a share in the special June offering on the education commission debts. An offering was sent to the Old Men's Home recently.—Mrs. P. E. Reardon, church clerk.

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From Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in his June monthly report we learn that Mississippi gave \$11,976.50 to the Cooperative Program; \$3,654.06 designated; or a total of \$15,630.56. There has been an increase in Southwide funds of \$162,408.62 this year over the same period last year.

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Philadelphia: Total receipts for the first six months of 1944 were: \$13,186.90. Total receipts for June were: \$3,217.52.

On July 1 Dr. S. A. Murphy began his third year as pastor of Highland Heights church, Memphis, Tennessee. During the past two years there have been 571 additions. The membership is now 2090. Contributions during the past year totaled \$47,615.98. This good church has taken second place in Memphis in baptisms and gifts to missions. It now has approximately \$30,000 in bonds and in cash in its post-war building fund. During these two years neon lights have been installed; a public address system purchased; the choir robed; and five lots purchased with a view to future expansion.

According to the bulletin of the First Baptist Church of New Albany the June check for missions was possibly the largest ever sent in. \$1,157.70 was sent to the Convention Board office besides \$25.75 which was given to Theodore Boushy for Syrian missions.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for July 23 WOMAN'S PART IN NATIONAL LIFE

Judges 4 and 5

Printed Text: Judges 4:1-9, 13-16

I. Backsliding, Oppression, Returning. Judges 4:1-3.

The same old wretched story. After Ehud was dead, "The children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah." How long did Ehud live? The peace he brought to Israel by his victory lasted "four-score years." He no doubt judged them, administering justice as among them and holding the people true to their God. But a long peace often leads to the corruption of a people. They prosper and become wanton and careless of the things which make for their eternal peace. The prosperity of fools destroys them. A good leader holds them in leash betimes, but when death removes his restraining hand, the people turn to their vain imaginations and their foolish hearts are darkened.

When they turned from God, He gave them up. When they would have none of Him, He let them go. "Jehovah sold them into the hand of Jabin, king of Canaan." Get so much a-piece for them? sell the whole lot? I think not. He just allowed Jabin to wax great enough to take them over, and Jabin did so. He was Jehovah's agent for the chastisement of Israel, and a very keen whip he proved to be. He is one illustration of God's choosing a bad man for a good purpose, the bringing of His rebellious people back to a sense of their rebellion and a sense of their loss of fellowship with God. They learned the lesson for themselves of their helplessness without God. How people over and over must learn this lesson the hard way! Then "the children of Israel cried unto Jehovah"; and this was because Jabin's commander-in-chief had "nine hundred chariots of iron." Now, that is just like us. When the hour of our extremity comes, we say, "Now, all other helpers have failed, we shall have to trust in the Lord. Isn't that awful!"

But even this crying unto Jehovah came only after twenty years of oppression under Jabin.

II. A Woman Bears God's Command. Judges 4:4-7.

Jehovah heard the cry of His people. Is not that wonderful? They were His people all the time, even while they were doing wrong and disregarding His love and care for them, they were still His people. He allowed them to be chastised. He would not have been the best possible friend to them had He neglected to do so. But among the children of Israel there was a woman devoted to the administration of justice, a woman who dared to be one voice for God in the midst of a godless generation. To her the Lord God spoke, through her He sent His message of hope to His people. What other eulogy does she deserve than this, "The children of Israel came up to her for judgment"? She was entirely devoted to the service of Israel, and her judgment, we may be sure, extended far beyond the mere matter

of deciding trivial causes at law between parties at variance, to the weightier matters of the nation's relationship to Jehovah as the cause of their prosperity or poverty, freedom or slavery. Josephus says the people came to Deborah to beg her to pray them out of the hand of Jabin. When the people came to her for judgment, with her they found salvation. Those who seek to God for grace, shall find grace and peace, grace and comfort, grace and glory.

There have been women who felt fit to command an army, but Deborah was not one of these. She called a man that was fit, nominated him for the task, maybe at the command of God that she should do so. Barak of Naphtali, was a man who had probably already distinguished himself as a patriot, longing for a chance to strike one telling blow for God and native land, but who, nevertheless, felt the modest fear of rushing in where God had not commanded him. Barak's lofty regard for Deborah as a prophetess led him to the conviction that he would be helpless without her voice to speak to him the words of the Lord of hosts. "He was helpless without her head, and she was helpless without his hands." The two united made a leadership which God could honor in a signal manner.

It is not unlikely that Jehovah had intimated to Barak, nay, commanded him somehow, for that is the language of Deborah, "Hath not Jehovah, the God of Israel commanded, 'Go and draw unto Mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulon. And I will draw unto thee, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thy hand.'" If this be the way of it, Deborah is here only reminding Barak of what Jehovah had somehow already said to him. Women make great reminders in the Lord's work, anyhow. Somehow Deborah knew what the Lord had commanded Barak, and she brought it to his attention. It is not at all necessary that Barak should have told Deborah what Jehovah had commanded, for that Jehovah may Himself have told His prophetess with the suggestion that she remind Barak of the command.

Zeno Wall used to get a Mississippi College boy into a private conversation somewhere apart, and all at once, say to him, "Has not the Lord commanded you to preach?" A number of boys told me about it afterwards, and so did Zeno. Moreover, Zeno said, "I never missed my man one time." Who told Zeno? There! You guessed it. Who told Deborah to remind Barak of what God had commanded him? Same person.

Barak had sense. That's another way of saying that Barak is the sort of a man Jehovah would speak to and give a command to. So Barak said, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." "The spirit of the Lord Jehovah is with you, Deborah, and I want Him to be near me. If, therefore, you will come with me, that I may know that the Lord Jehovah is not far off, I shall be content and courageous to go; but I can not go in my own puny strength, depending upon mine own understanding." "Certainly I will go. The Lord Jehovah has commanded the campaign, so He will be along to direct it. If He shall deign to speak to me, I shall be glad to communicate His

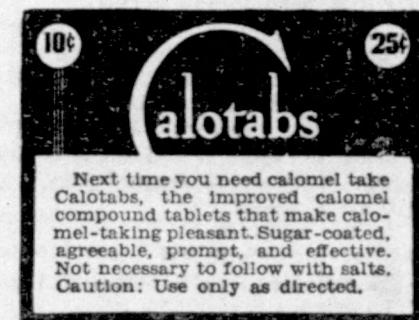
words to you. But I tell you one thing beforehand, that you may marvel and not be high-minded. You are not going to kill or capture General Sisera. Jehovah has delivered him into the hands of a woman." Poor Sisera! Any time a tyrant or the tool of a tyrant falls into the hands of an angry woman of the contrary part, he is mighty apt to get hurt. III. Slaughter Grim and Great. Judges 4:13-16.

Long years after the tent pin in the hands of Jael had done with Sisera, a prophet truly said what Sisera might have learned in his day, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says Jehovah of hosts" (Zech. 4:6). But Sisera trusted in his chariots and his numbers of soldiers, gathered all the way from "Hashoreth of the Gentiles, unto the river Kishon." Proudly the great host came on to do battle against the contemptible little army of 10,000 which Barak commanded for Jehovah. Josephus says, and the words of the song would seem to justify him, that as Sisera's host came gallantly on, a tremendous storm of hail and sleet came driving from the east full in the faces of Sisera's marching men and prancing chariot horses. Hail and sleet and floods of rain, the heavens dark, the spouting waters whipping the river into a flood, and all overwhelming this proud army. "From heaven thy fought; The stars in their courses fought against Sisera. The river Kishon swept them away, That ancient river, the river Kishon" (Judges 5:20, 21). Hail and sleet and flood beat them down, and the rushing waters of the river swept their bodies away. The prophetess had foreseen this, she being a seer, and she had said to Barak, "Up; for this is the day in which Jehovah has given Sisera into thy hand. Is not Jehovah gone out before thee?" (Judges 4:14). So the commander of Jehovah's infantry ordered a charge in the wake of the barrage which the artillery of heaven had laid down, and the host of Sisera was annihi-

lated. "There was not a man left." "Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand between their loved homes and the war's desolation." IV. Jael Welcomes and Speeds a Guest. Judges 5:17-24.

How are the mighty fallen! "Sisera alighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet" 4:15. He fled from the fateful fields as fast as he could run. He had put his trust in chariots and had, no doubt, despised the hastily levied foot-soldiers of Barak. When his chariots failed him, he was indeed discomfited. He placed his trust in an earthly implement, and the earthly failed him. So he fled. A woman stood in the door of her tent looking toward the battlefield, not so far away, whence the noise of strife came wasted on the winds.

Heber the Kenite was not at war with Jabin, none of his sons were in the army of Barak. Yet the wife of Heber was in sympathy with her oppressed kinsmen, and was ready to do them a service, especially if that service had the approval of Jehovah. Did Jael from the very first intend to kill Sisera? I doubt it. I think the thought came to her as a revelation from Jehovah, as the moments passed and she saw Sisera lie helpless asleep in her power. She became God's executioner visiting justice upon the oppressor of the people of God. So Sisera the valiant met death at the hands of a weak woman whose hands wielded a hammer and held a tent-pin with the point against the great man's temple.



GOD ALMIGHTY STILL WORKS

We get regular requests from our Mississippi Baptist Pastors who are now serving in all parts of the world as Chaplains. Many thrilling events are told. We present in part a recent monthly report received from Chaplain Wilson W. Boggan. It speaks for itself:

"110 personal interviews; 6 hospital visits; personal contacts 150; Red Cross cases 8; Mess Hall visits 3; Conference with Battalion and Squadron Commanders 2; Barracks and Day Room visitations 5; Calls on Protestant Ministers 3. Letters written 60; Chaplains Conferences attended 4; Tracts and Publications distributed 175; Special effort made to write all mothers who had sons present for Mother's Day Service.

The Lord has brought joy to my soul by being the means of helping many of our men to see the higher things of life. This has been accomplished by prayers of Christians back home.

One of our fine Baptist men came into my office a few days past and gave the greatest testimony relative to himself and drink, that I ever have heard. The boy left camp with the intention of getting drunk, as he had begun to drink heavily since coming into the service. Just as he was ready to enter an English Pub, the desire for drink left him. When the soldier arrived in camp the next morning, he came to my office to relate the new experience and see if I could not explain the reason of said experience. I asked if his mother was living and whether or not she was a Christian. He said he had the finest Christian mother he had ever seen, and to his knowing, she had been praying that the Lord would help him in his condition. Then he suggested that I write his mother telling her what had happened. A few days later I received a letter stating that a special prayer was offered to God on that glorious night.

Please tell our people not only to pray for the Soldiers, but the Chaplains and their work as well. We have a great opportunity and it can only be accomplished through prayer."

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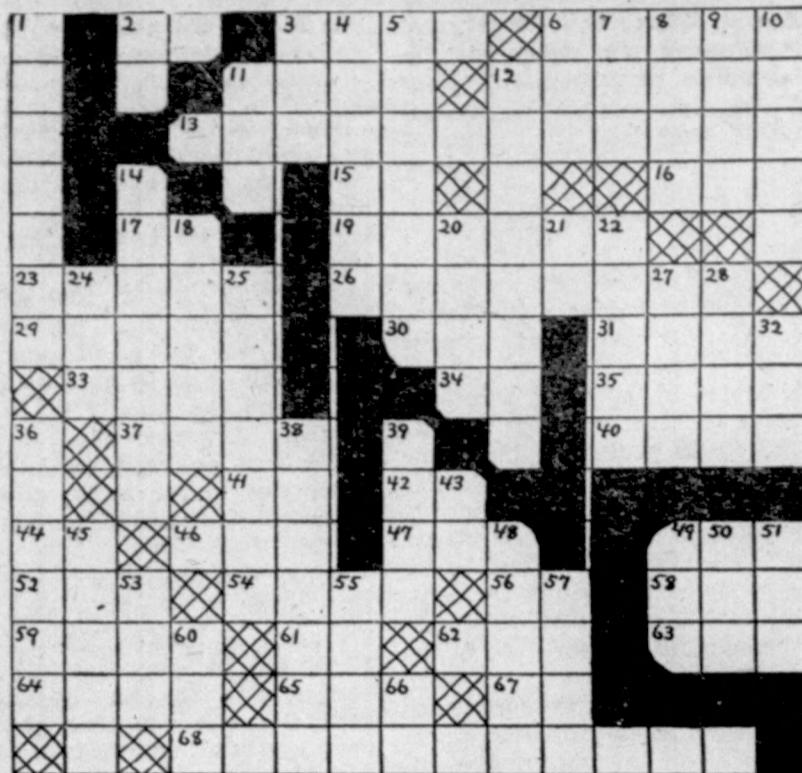
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A STUDY OF KINGS

ACROSS

2 Giant king of Bashan, Josh. 13:12.
 3 First king of Israel: "a choice young man," I Sam. 9:2.
 6 King when Christ was born.
 11 Eats.
 12 Webbing of feet of aquatic birds.
 13 David is called "The"
 15 Suffix used in law terms.
 16 Combining form meaning "smooth."
 17 Interjection.
 19 King in Paul's day, 2 Cor. 11:32.
 23 Second president of U. S. A.
 26 Solomon's successor, I Kings 11:43.
 29 King of Tyre, friend of both David and Solomon, 2 Sam. 5:11.
 30 Used a spade.
 31 In the midst of.
 33 "Every one with her . . ."
 34 "I will also . . . it," Isa. 46:11.
 37 Lubricates.
 40 "whiter than . . ." Ps. 51:7.
 41 The Indian.
 42 Note.
 44 Northwestern state.
 46 Middle Atlantic state.
 47 Pronoun.
 49 Third king of Judah, 2 Chron. 14:1.
 52 Son of Noah.
 54 "Whither have ye made a . . . today?" 1 Sam. 27:10.
 56 River in Italy.
 58 King of Hamath, 2 Sam. 8:9.
 59 Genus of herbs and shrubs.
 61 Army officer.
 62 Two Old Testament books.
 63 "the . . . is come," Ezek. 7:2.
 64 Native inhabitant of Japan.
 65 Row.
 67 Means of transportation.
 68 "the and Lord of lords," 1 Tim. 6:15.

DOWN

1 Eighth king of Judah, 2 Chron. 25:1.
 2 Home of Joseph, Gen. 41:45.
 3 ". . . thee at the law."
 4 "Let thy work . . ." Ps. 90:16.

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MISS ERNESTINE FERRELL
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Miss Ernestine Ferrell of Pontotoc who recently became minister of music at Second Avenue church, Laurel.

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OUR FOE

President Warren of Whitman College of Spokane, Washington, asks: What is the name of America's great foe? Would you name the yellow man of the Pacific or our misguided blood brother of Europe? Neither, for these are mortal enemies who may be dealt with on the field of battle and whose ultimate defeat is assured. The greatest is our inward foe, our firmly entrenched fifth column, the liquor traffic."—Exchange.

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"Please cancel our advertising contract until further notice. We are getting more business than we can handle. When we catch up some with our orders we will be glad to reinstate our contract." To any one who doubts the value of Baptist Record advertising we suggest that they reread the above taken from a recent letter.



CHAPLAIN EUGENE FARR

Chaplain Eugene Farr has written from England about the work of the Baptist churches there, and appreciates the fine fellowship extended him by the British Baptists. He attended one associational meeting as well as several churches, and a ministers' conference. He expressed joy over the fine reports he saw in The Baptist Record regarding the Mississippi work.

—BR—
BREAD CAST UPON WATER . . .

Posted on a mess hall bulletin board on Guadalcanal was the following notice, signed by the chief of a Polynesian tribe:

"American soldiers are requested to please be a little more careful in their choice of language, especially when natives are assisting them in unloading of ships, trucks, and in erecting abodes. American missionaries spent many years among us and taught us the words we shouldn't use. Every day, however, American soldiers use those words and the good work your missionaries did is being undermined by your careless profanity."—Arkansas Baptist.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Again they are overflowing the college with their daughters.

They have donated \$138,121.00 to the college's endowment fund campaign.

They are in an effort now to raise the balance of \$61,879.00 before the year's end.

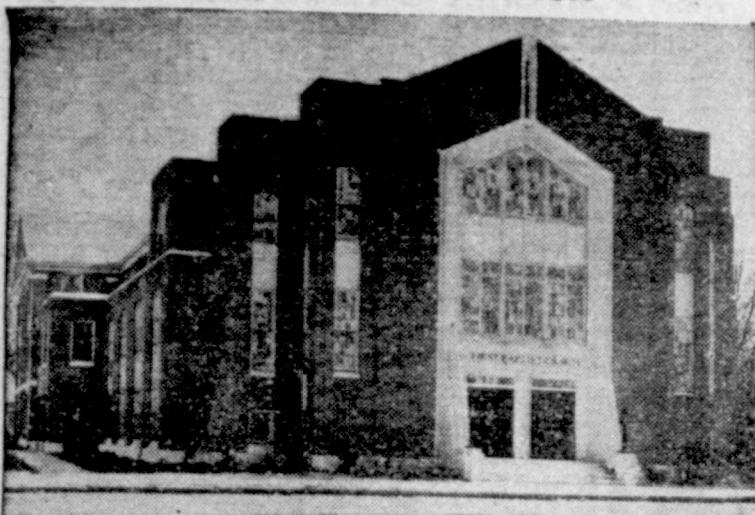
Cash, war bonds and war stamps are being donated.

Churches, Sunday Schools and individuals are making gifts.

Pastors are furnishing the leadership.

LAWRENCE T. LOWREY, President

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



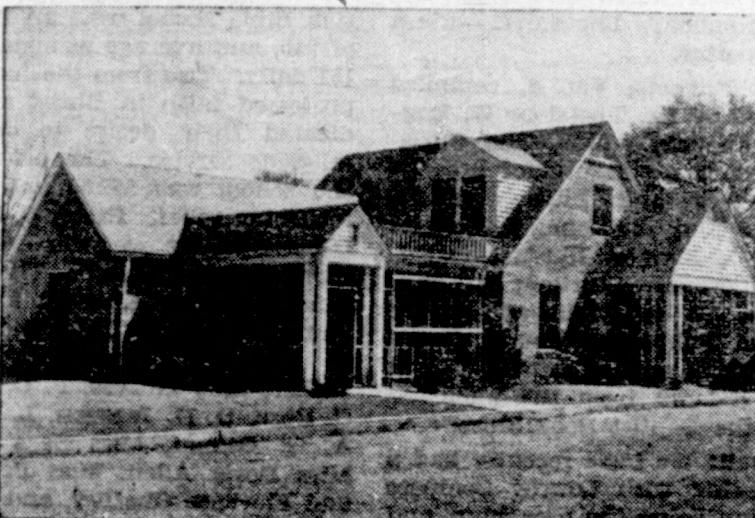
BUILDING OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PASCAGOULA

The educational part of this building is brick veneer construction, and was planned and constructed in 1936 under the able supervision of former Pastor-Architect, Dr. N. O. Patterson. The main auditorium was planned by Warren J. McClesky, local architect. Due to war conditions the church was unable to secure a satisfactory building contractor to do this work. Consequently the work was carried on by a building committee of which Dr. S. B. McIlwain was chairman. The construction was supervised by W. F. Breeland, local

contractor. This part of the building is of steel, concrete and brick, and was started in the spring of 1941, and completed in the summer of 1943.

This church plant is modern in every respect, planned for a fully graded and departmentalized Sunday school and training program. The building has a total of 72 rooms, 54 of which are used by the Sunday school. The plant is equipped with pianos, pipe organ, chairs, desks, etc., and represents a cash investment of more than \$70,000.00, dedicated to God free of debt, April 23, 1944. L. E. Green is pastor.

PASTOR'S HOME



The pastor's home, First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, constructed under the leadership of W. L. Day, now pastor of First Baptist Church of Louisville, Miss., is a joy to the pastor

and the members of his family. It is thoroughly modern as to design and conveniences. In the rear of this home is a servant house, garage, chicken yard and garden.

happy." (Editor's note: We notice that God's blessings usually do rest upon His churches who are not self-centered, and who are interested in all the kingdom work, and not just their own particular spot alone.)

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Beulah, Simpson county: Our meeting was held the first Sunday in July with I. F. Metts, pastor of Northside church, Jackson, doing the preaching. The day crowds were good and the night crowds more than filled the church. There were 27 additions. We have invited Bro. Metts back for another year. The membership of this church is now more than 600.—D. W. Moulder, pastor.

Second Avenue, Laurel: We recently completed a B. T. U. study course with 125 enrolled and 80 meeting requirements for awards.—Reporter.

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Mother: "James, why are you late?"
James: "Teacher kept me."
Mother: "Why?"
James: "In class she asked me how many teeth a person has, and I said, 'A mouthful.'"

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE COLUMN

The average attendance in Mississippi College during the past year has been about as follows:

Navy V-12 enrollees	350
Girls	105
Boys	95

Making the average at one time about 550

The total enrollment for the three terms has amounted to 875. Last session for the first time in the history of the college the number of girls enrolled exceeded the number of civilian boys. Of course, when the Navy Unit is included the number of boys predominates.

The college is now operating 12 months in the year. Students who wish to do so can drop out a term each year for vacation, but by going straight through, one can complete a standard college course in less than three years.

There seems to be a mistaken idea among some of our people that naval students might contaminate the morals of other students. This fear is unfounded. These are not hardened sailors. Most of them have never seen the sea. They are the highest ranking students selected by rigid tests to be trained for naval officers. Most of them are just out of high school. Many of them are fine Christian characters and take active part in our religious organizations. There is no higher type of young men in our army, air or navy training units than the V-12. Mississippi College is fortunate in being assigned this type of training. The Clinton Baptist Church and the college are trying to be a blessing to these boys in a moral and spiritual way. In return the navy is giving us fine lessons in promptness, tidiness and in strict obedience to regulations. The buildings they occupy are cleaner, in better repair and nearer absolutely spotless than they have ever been kept before.

The girls live on a separate campus where they can have their own organizations and activities, but they have access to the same library facilities, the same laboratory equipment and have the same teachers as the boys. The social life is desirable and attractive. Objectional features are almost entirely eliminated. No dances are held in Clinton. The Baptist Church is located just across the street from the campus. We are fortunate in having a pastor and an educational director who are greatly interested in the students and who are constantly looking after their spiritual welfare. Mississippi College craves the earnest prayers and active efforts of all Baptists to the end that this may continue to be a great power for good and may continue to produce great leaders firmly rooted in the principles of Christ.

M. P. L. BERRY.

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A young married woman died in Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans a few days ago from infantile paralysis. It might have been that she would have lived if the hospital had had an iron lung, but it does not have one. Here is a fine opportunity for someone of a philanthropic spirit to make a gift which may save lives in the future. An iron lung has saved many lives of those afflicted with the dread disease, and our great hospital should have one.—Louis J. Eristow, superintendent.

Answers To
Know Your Bible

(Feature On Page Twelve)

1. (Two optimistic spies): Caleb, supported by Joshua were the two optimists. (See Numbers 13:30. The ten pessimists are named in Numbers 13:31-33.)

2. (Sea of Galilee storms): The sea of Galilee is six hundred feet below the Mediterranean, and heavy winds drawn through gorges cut in the plateaus, forming a large funnel, thus lashing with intense fury the sea of Galilee with strong winds and heavy foam.

3. (Stable of Bible times): Ancient tradition says, "This stable was a cave near the summit of the hill on which the village stands. Caves were used as stables in Palestine for various purposes."

4. (Real meaning of hypocrites): It is a Greek word, and meant, as the Greeks used it, one who played a part on the stage. In other words, a player, or actor who is taking the part of someone else, or pretending. A hypocrite is a pretender, because he says or does things to make others think he is different from what he really is, or better than he is.

UNION WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Three weeks ago Mrs. Hill and I arrived in Union. We found the beautiful brick parsonage all freshly painted inside and out. The parsonage had previously been equipped with butane gas system, gas range, and automatic water heater. The pantry was literally filled with groceries. Among the many other things there were (only) 18 pounds of Snowdrift. On Friday night after we came, a reception was given at the church. Over 200 plates were served, and the new pastor and people had a genuine old fashioned "get-together."

So far we have had three enjoyable Sundays together. There have been 15 additions to the church, 12 by letter and three on profession of faith. These three were baptized last Sunday night.

We found the church \$5,500 in debt. Already we have retired two \$500 bonds that would have matured in 1951 and 1952, saving a total of \$313 interest. Heretofore the offerings have ranged around \$200 per Sunday, but with the help of Bro. Malachi the offerings for the last two Sundays have been \$900. Last Sunday the offering was \$592.66. By the way, if any reader of this article doesn't happen to know who Bro. Malachi is, just let us know and we will be glad to introduce him to you. Incidentally, he is a close personal friend to Dr. L. G. Gates of Laurel, Mississippi. We began last Sunday financing our church through the Sunday school, and all the people are responding in a great way. The church has already voted to retire all debts by Nov. 1, 1944, just four months away. We have also gone back into the Ministers' Retirement Plan, effective July 1, 1944.—John Ira Hill.

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Second Avenue, Laurel: Our VBS enrollment was 220, the average attendance 160. Our offering was \$22.50. It will be sent to world relief of war sufferers.—Reporter.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB
A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

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"WHAT HAS DEBT DONE FOR US?" It has given us a few buildings and some endowment. These came at a critical period. That is about all on the positive side. We would have had more and better buildings, and more endowment, if we as God's people had followed God's strong plan of financial support, namely, tithes and offerings instead of man's weak plan, as "borrowing the way out." God Almighty has a plan that will adequately support His needed work! If that is NOT true, then God has failed! He certainly has not failed! We have failed Him!

"WHAT HAS DEBT DONE FOR US?" It has well nigh dried up the evangelistic passion. How many times have you heard heart-stirring, soul-winning messages at our conventions? Oh, yes, it is for that! It had best be for that, along with some other things! It paralyzed a state mission program until we had little of which to speak. It caused us to neglect great areas of our state and register great losses to "off-brand" religions. It caused us to allow 700,000 lost people above ten years of age to grow up about us. Many of these undoubtedly would have been won had the claims of the gospel been adequately pressed upon them in an intensive state mission program.

"WHAT HAS DEBT DONE FOR US?" It has weakened our hands and watered our hearts until we lost two of our colleges. It has left standing scores of graduates offering themselves on mission fields—but, alas, "No man hath hired us." It has encouraged us in that deadly habit of making substitutions for God's way and God's plans.

Offerings were made at the threshold of the history of man upon the earth. Gen. 4:1-4. Tithing anticipated the law. Gen. 14:20. Tithing under the law. Leviticus 27:30-34. Also, Malachi 3:7-15. Tithes and offerings in the New Testament. Matthew 23:23. Luke 18:12. Hebrews 7:5-9. I Cor. 16:1-2. Acts 20:35. II Cor. chapters 8, 9.

That is God's WAY out, and up, and on! May we follow obediently.

We have no criticism as to a reasonable amount of useful indebtedness. Those who launched our first debt doubtless had no idea of the proportions to which the debt would run. Soon we borrowed to pay interest. Debt is a disease. Debt is a growing habit. Debt is an octopus about many people. Debt is a national curse in countries like China and India. Ask any missionary from these countries.

Debt may come back to our denomination. The saloon came back. Just "coming back" is no virtue! Nut grass also "comes back"!

Read the fifth chapter of Nehemiah and see a picture of God's people groaning under the burden of debt.

Debt almost broke the spirit of Baptists! Everywhere we heard "We can't do it." And, "We have tried other campaigns and failed." What



EDWARD L. BYRD
EDWARD L. BYRD GOES TO MERIDIAN

One of Mississippi's most popular young pastors, Edward L. Byrd, has resigned the pastorate at Holly Springs and accepted the Highland church, Meridian. He began his work at Meridian on July first.

During his four years at Holly Springs there have been 180 additions, two young people have been led into definite religious service, the Sunday school reached and maintained the A standard, 15 officers and teachers hold teacher training diplomas and the others lack only one or two books, a lighted sign has been placed in the church yard, the church has been re-decorated and weather-stripped. Gifts to all causes total \$40,322.32. Of this total, \$11,608.60 went to mission causes.

Mrs. Byrd, who is an able helper in all the work, spent her girlhood, up until college days, in Meridian. She is a graduate of Meridian High school and of Mississippi Woman's College. She studied in the Seminary at Louisville, and also at the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville. They have two sons, Richard L., Jr., who is six years of age, and Davis, who is two years of age.

In a letter to the editor, Pastor Byrd says:

"The most difficult assignment I ever had was in tendering my resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Holly Springs. The difficulty was keenly felt because of our love and devotion to the church, and the people who compose its membership. Some of the Lord's choicest souls and servants are in this church. The Lord blessed our efforts together as pastor and people, and we learned to love each other devotedly in Christ. Some Christian brother in the ministry has one of the happiest chapters of his life ahead of him as the pastor of this fine church and consecrated body of Baptists."

"We go to Highland church in Meridian in full confidence that the Lord is leading, and with bright prospects of accomplishing much for the Lord with the fine host of Christians who compose that church. It

a picture of God's people! A people He intended should be great, strong and courageous!

Debt almost destroyed the confidence of Baptists in their leaders. If we have heard it once, we have heard it a hundred and more times, "They will lead us in if we pay out." Maybe we do not believe in spiritual democracy after all. Some seem to want a spiritual oligarchy. May God keep us in the paths of the Book!

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. BOWMAR AVENUE



Men's Bible class, Bowmar Avenue church, Vicksburg. This class began March 1 with only three men. They

now have 57 enrolled with an average attendance of 31.

Bogue Chitto church, Lincoln county: We recently enjoyed a farewell visit from our former pastor, Dr. M. J. Anderson, and his wife. They were on their way to Honolulu where they will serve until conditions permit them to go to China. Before her marriage, Mrs. Anderson was Kitty Thomstead, a trained nurse. Both gave farewell messages. We also enjoyed a visit from another former pastor, Rev. M. Glenn Smith. Our pastor is assisting him at a meeting at Tangipahoa, Louisiana. —Clara Brent, reporter.

Golden Nuggets, Vol. 4, compiled and edited by Dr. Theodore W. Engstrom, managing editor, The Christian Index, is a treasure for preachers, teachers and Bible students. There are four divisions: 1. Sermon Outlines; 2. Sermon Illustrations; 3. Snappy Sermon Starters; 4. Seed Thoughts. It is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., and sells for \$2.00. It may be ordered from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Stonewall: We have recently had a good meeting with Lowrey Compere of Meridian doing the preaching, and his son, William Lowrey, Jr., serving as musician. W. M. Privett of Stonewall led the singing. Bro. Compere taught the book of James during the morning services. There were 16 additions, 12 by baptism and four by letter.—Sollie L. Smith.

Beacon church, Laurel: We have recently closed a good youth revival during which there were four additions by baptism and a number of rededications. Billy Stogner, senior at Mississippi College, did the preaching, and his sister Virginia Stogner of Tylertown, played the piano. Eugene Roberts, also a student at Mississippi College led the singing. Morning watch services were held each morning at 6:15 and there was always a good crowd present.

E. C. Edwards has resigned his work with the churches at Shuqualak, Elon, Gholson and Vernon to accept the work of the Baldwyn church. He plans to move on the field July 13, making his home at Baldwyn.

Longview church, Pontotoc county, enrolled 50 in the Vacation Bible school. The average attendance was 41. This was their second venture in this field.

is with joy and humility that we look forward to our fellowship and labor together with that noble band of the Lord's servants."

Bruce: L. F. Haire, pastor, announces that a revival lasting eight days will start on the fifth Sunday with J. D. Walker, pastor of Calhoun City, as guest preacher and Doyle Turner of the Antioch church in charge of the music. Preparations are being made for the meeting and large crowds are expected. The pastor asks the prayers of the people "for the lasting good of the services."

Winona church had a fine Vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 215, and average attendance above 151 daily. Two from the junior group professed faith in Christ and 27 indicated their desire to do definite religious service. The offering from the school was \$52.55 and was sent for China relief. Pastor C. B. Hamlet, III, was happy over this excellent response in the church. The following general officers assisted: Miss Felicia Lamb, Miss Elma Tyler, Mesdames A. P. Arrington, Tom Herod, W. W. Waller, Billy Graves, P. C. Smith, H. C. Rose, D. D. Jackson, L. L. Powers, A. G. Gillum, Miss Sara Mortimer, Miss Doris Allen, Miss Percy Clark, and Florence Shofner, and others.

Valence Street Baptist Church, New Orleans: T. R. Coulter has been pastor for a little over a year now and during his leadership we have built a \$5,500 pastorum and paid for it. There have been 131 members added to the membership; four preachers ordained; and we have the largest budget we have ever had. We are also carrying on mission work at five places.—G. P. Bondreaux.

Holly: We ordained four deacons Sunday, July 9. By unanimous vote the church is making plans for a new house of worship.—R. L. Ray, Jr., pastor.

Miss Martha Ann Cochran and Rev. Raymond Lowrey Kolb were married on June 28 at the First Baptist Church, Dublin, Ga. Mrs. Kolb is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vason Cochran of Dublin. She won the Citizenship Medal at the Junior High school and was an honor graduate of the Senior High school. She also won scholastic honors at Mars Hill Junior College. She got her A. B. degree from Furman University and the M. R. E. degree from the W. M. U. Training school at Louisville. Rev. Kolb is the son of Rev. and Mrs. F. Roy Kolb of Blue Springs, Miss., and is a B. A. graduate of Mississippi College. He received his Th.M. degree at the Southern Seminary in 1942. For some time he has been pastor of Fisherville church, Kentucky.

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